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Dear Mr. Wood

I give you due notice that this pink envelope stationery isn't going to last long.

Did I tell you I had bought of H. Chapman a 2½ dollar Panama Pacific? The head of the goddess on the sea horse isnt struck up and I don't like the specimen —

When I come to determine between coins & medals (à la Germany & Austria, I find some of their medals bear mint marks — like "A". What to do?

This is the most important thing I have to write about now. The other night I laid a package of cards held together by a narrow rub-

ber band down over a clear medal
Next morning there was a nubber
line over faces on the medal.
I've tried alcohol, ammonia
& rubbing with soft stick, but can't
remove traces altogether. Do you
know what will take off the black
mark?

Don't let me trouble you
much - Cut me off. But
I can't help wishing you were
here to ask questions of — as
used to be —

Gott strafe Deutschland,
Bulgaria & Greece! Amen -

I'm getting along with my cata-
logueing

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

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Boston, Mass. 17 OCT 1915

Dear Mr. Wood

The enclosed clippings which I find laid up marked for you will show that in recent past times I have had you in mind. I have no late news from Dr. Green.

I thank you very much for your of 14th. I have used the application you and Mr. Belden (please thank him) were so kind as to sign, for the A.N.A. & mean to-morrow to apply for membership in the A.N.S.

The particular 2½ dollar piece which I got from W. Chapman isn't struck as well about the head of Columbia (on sea horse) as it shows in the August Numismatist. I don't know whether I can

get a better one, but have written Zerbe — is he an official at San F.?

I think the Pan. Pac. coins are interesting — The St. Louis & Lewis & Clark dollars were ordinary — but don't know yet whether I want to pay $100 for a 50 dollar piece. I don't understand how the Mint, or the U. S., justifies putting a premium of any amount on U. S. money.

Thanks for telling me where Mory is now located. Do you know Hesslein — whom I stood beside at Conroy's (Collpitts') the other day? Comstock had long been telling me about him under the name of Hazleton or Hesselton

and I could get no trace of him. Comstock said he ~~co~~ was in Studio bldg - whereas he's in Paddock. What's the matter with Comstock? Is he a millionaire? He won't come to, or join, the B. N. S.

You may be right in your decision, but I'm not certain where to draw the line between coins & medals in German & Austrian series. The dealers say Gedenkt(h)aler when there, no mark, any where, of value, on them. Sometimes on the edge I find Ein Gulden, then on reverse (Frankfort) I find Ein Gedenkthaler zu Schiller's Geburtsfeier, & again on edge (Frankfort) ZWEY GULDEN. I think German clearness (= efficiency) must be a thing of recent development. It's devel-

oped now all right – as the world (including the U.S.) is likely to find out – but I hate it & all it signifies, stands for, connotes & denotes. The question is whether these pieces were ever current money.

I now have all my medals catalogued & shall work on my coins as I can. If in your writing up for the Journal you should be in doubt whether you had knowledge of any specimen I owned I should be glad to send you description, or the specimens. Two or three newspaper people here have asked me if I wouldn't allow my lot to be written up, but I've said I wanted to wait till I got a few more – which ought to come this month –

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

P.S. Low, Elder, Mehl & U.S. Coin Co. have all dropped me off this fall. I have only E. Michael of Chicago. Sad!

Public Library
Boston, Mass.

7 NOV 1915

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for yours of 1st and 4th. Indeed I voted and we had a considerable election but not large enough plurality for McCall. I'm sorry your present constitution looks so good in New York.

Yes, I have received the annual publication and it's a delight, though it shows me how much I have to learn about and acquire in numismatics.

I have looked up the membership medal and am considering which or whether.

The B.N.S. meets with Dr. Storer next Friday. We don't seem much alive since you went away. I note in Numismatist your exhibition of German war medals at N.Y.N. Club. I have one now stamped IMIT. BRONCE on edge. Isn't iron, and I wonder if zinc. I'd like some of that new zinc and iron money for Belgium and Germany.

Thanks for clearing up my Siamese situation. I think you solved all my doubts except two. 1) In Scott's Copper p. 183 I think the star should be after 1/2 att instead of 1 att. 1/2 att

2) Is the design on 1874 the King's "initial" crowned – or what crowned?

To which I have to add the inquiry, What does Chakr(a) ornament mean? It's called Chakr by Comparette in U.S. Mint Cat. (around the elephant).

I wonder if any of the R.C. N.Y. Diocese Centenary medals are still on sale by the A.N.S. Silver 10 Bronze 5

I don't intend to trouble you a lot hereafter, but to-day I'm venturesome. I send two coins with registered postage for return – if you will be so good.

1. The Indian piece. I want to know what it is – a half rupee of E.I.Co. at Madras (Arcot), or Bengal? It looks like both.

2. The M.T. Scudo, Tallero, or Crown – I am suspicious of it as being a modern

restrike. Scott's 1906 (Silver) p. 119 Cat. gives - illustrates - it under Milan, but Scott doesn't illustrate it in 1893 or 1910. Is it Lombardy (Milan) or straight Austria, or a re-strike? Hazlitt, (Coinage of European Continent) p. 498, gives another pattern for the same period of Milan (or Lombardy).

It seems ridiculous to ask all this of you, but you would have been saved it all if you had just sought me out some years ago to join the B. N. S. But I thank you for all the blessings I am about to receive, and again for all I have received already from you. I know I'm garrulous on unimportant matters. Schulman's Catalogue says you are a <u>savant</u>, and the world knows it.

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

For India
Bengal Presidency
Moorshedabad mint
1792-1856 Obligations nulles

Dear Mr. Wood

I have received acknowledgment of my recent valuable gifts, & also book of Medals & Publications. I think it is well worth while to be an associate member of the A. N. S!

We had a very good meeting of the B. N. S. Saturday evening, with seven present. I kept Storer in as President, but got Joy elected in my place as Treasr. Tilden gave up as Secy, and Gray takes his place. A good change, I think.

I put a notice in the Herald & Transcript before the meeting, and the Globe sent a reporter around to interview us, so that we had a very good notice in Sunday's Globe.

But we don't amount to much beside you in New York.

Do you know where the electrotype of our seal may be? I have it it. Tilden never had it. It used to appear, I think, in the Numismatist. Do you think Duffield has it?

At the dinner I denounced one dealer, who played me an extremely mean trick. I advise all innocent collectors to keep clear of him. His name is Edward Michael, of 119 North Dearborn St., Chicago. He is intolerable. I should like to get such men as he out of the selling business. Evidence, if you want it.

Now to your letter of 20th. Never mind about my coin of Athens.

If anything about my German medals appears in the Transcript I shall surely send you a copy of the paper — at present I think there will be some appearance.

Now as to symbols, shall I call them that? — I find

bees on some, & know they are Napoleonic bees. But I don't know the difference between mint marks & mint-masters' marks, and I don't know how to describe what appears. On Sweden there's a king's head crowned [redacted] A and on some Napoleonic coins there's a bee. I can call it a bee. Also on some Swedish various coins — I know that no representation of it, but I can't make it out clearly. On Parma of Maria Louisa I find (what is it?) & an inverted lamp or vase. If I only knew what to [redacted] name the things by, I might get along.

Moreover, and I have only consulted Stone on this point, I don't know how to distinguish between laurel & olive wreaths & branches.

I don't want to cause you trouble, but you may be able to send me a hint or two.

Thank you for writing. I'm always

Yours very truly

Horace L. Wheeler

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Public Library
Boston, Mass.
9 MAR 1910

Dear Mr. Wood

Very busy arranging a librarians' dinner for Monday evening, but the weather was so dreadful to-day that I didn't go back to work after the noon hour.

I think I have to thank you for yours of 20 Jan, as well as several letters since. I am very greatly obliged.

I am learning a lot through ~~my~~ the somewhat careful cataloguing of my own possessions.

I received acknowledgment of the Harris & Chapman scrip.

I have Lusitania & Joffre med als now — of which you told me when here. Schulman has also sent a lot of Prisoners' money, aluminium, brass & paper — I owe him a lot of florins, which I'm going to pay.

I think I make out most of the symbols, - mint or mint masters' marks but don't always have a name. It looks like a dog's head, but may be a bird for them. That may be a beet but I thought at first it was something used in the art of printing, as enclosed seal of Harv. Grad's Mag will roughly show.

I enclose a bunch of things, for the return of which by registered mail I will recompense you. I don't know before sealing how much the expense will be.

Have you seen the enclosed brass maltese crosses of the French Army (& other armies)'s Orphanage. Surf got it of some dispenser, & I paid him 25¢ for it

What about Mr. Azeez Khayat of 366 5th Ave., N.Y.? I probably shan't go to the Doll & Richards sale. adv't enclosed.

Do you possibly know of any restrikes of France, Louis XVIII, 5 Fr., abt. 1824? I have one which looks almost too minty.

I enclose a copper piece with Britannia on one side & eagle on the other, 1815, halfpenny-token.

Perhaps you know it, origin. The eagle holds the olive branch in left talon. Is it a mule?

Did I ask you what you knew about the (Society of) Friends of the Medallion in N.Y. Nathan Haskell Dole told me yesterday that he belonged, and I ought to.

The little French coin enclosed has the aforementioned dog's head (or bird) as well as a human hand – but what I want to know is whether the flower in the wreath of head is Edelweiss (as I rather think). The rest I call oak, laurel and wheat.

A bronze (copper) 1 KREUZER, 1840, enclosed, is I suppose, Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt. See Scott's copper cat. p. 17. Gott strafe Deutschland!

Here is another Athens tetradrachm with A not A as it perhaps ought to be. Indian? Send also the one you took a rubbing of.

Pardon me for hasty writing & possible incoherence – and receive my thanks in advance

Sincerely yours,

Henry Grayson Peck (in Chase's this month) – Horace L. Wheeler

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for your instructive and interesting letter of yesterday about Turkish numerals and Bombay sizes. I don't find my Bombay proof to-night (tho' I have it safe somewhere) but note I made it measure 29 mm, which puts it midway between your 15 & 20 cash.

As for numerals, sometimes the nth year of reign is on obverse. E.g. here's a 2 Piaster Eg. piece with 1795 on reverse and no numeral above, but on obverse (below) occurs ٢٠

I am glad Brown was victorious notwithstanding what they say to me about the "one year rule", which I don't understand. I'm one of those who profoundly believe that playing football is not one of the chief offices of universities.

May I trouble you to ask about the thing enclosed? Is it of private issue? Is the centre part silver? What for? When & why? Any trifle of

information would be acceptable. But please don't bother much about it.

I've been looking for A. N. S. annual, but haven't seen it.

I wish I could show you a Syracuse Dekagram (?) brought me the other day. I don't think it a Greek coin, but Storer & Stearns, who haven't seen it, seem to doubt my judgment. Its silver, and might well be of ancient Greek workmanship, but the head is not of Persephone or Arethusa, and underneath the chariot is not the pieces of armor but a wheat ear. Besides, the head faces r., not l., and the chariot is going r. not l. I've ransacked Head's Hist. Numorum, his article in Num. Chron, 1874, B. M. C., and B. M. Cat, and find nothing like it. The owner wants to sell it (or give it to be sold) for the benefit of war sufferers - but only on condition that it's something genuine. I would give $20 for it as it is, but couldn't pay $500

for it. It's a fine thing, even if made only for an ornament in Greek style 40 years ago (when it was bought in London). I think of Becker's forgeries and imitations, but know nothing of Becker's work.

I wish you might see it.

I lost the Assay Medals in Elder's last sale and am not bidding much on his sale of this week. It's little use if the man on the spot has the advantage. I bid within 10% of what the Assay Medals brought.

Then Mehl's last catalogue, with a lot of "friends of the Medallion" medals that I wanted, didn't reach me till the day of sale and I couldn't bid. But I've bought a lot of things from A. L. S. & C. Co., which interest me much - All good to you

Sincerely yours,
Horace L. Wheeler

March 2, 1917.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Wheeler:-

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter of February 12th and returning your coins. I am herewith doing it now. The fact of the matter is, just about that time a six hundred page manuscript came in for the Journal and it had to be edited right off and I dropped everything else to attend to this.

I like the Servian medal very much and in behalf of the Society accept it as a donation from you. Also the counterstamped Canadian coin. I do not however attach any significance to this as I think it was done by somebody who had that stamp, and for an autograph preacher, and he did it in a idle moment to please his own vanity or to advertise his name. I rather like the gold color on the Servian medal.

Many coins are pattern coins even if regular coins are later issued, because the coin which was first issued as a pattern might later be adopted. If they happen to be struck in the metal that they were intended to be struck in, there is no way of differentiating them unless possibly the mint mark, etc., were left off in the trial piece. Our 1916 quarter dollar originally was a pattern. It was not intended to be put out last year. A few were sent to Washington for approval, and they there not knowing the rules and regulations, handed out a few to friends. One at least got into circulation which created such a row by a bank who demanded some of the new quarters thatthe Government either in the last two days of 1916 or the first two or three days of 1917, struck 52,000 dated 1916 to cover up the error the officials made in Washington by giving a few out. My private opinion is these were struck in 1917 and they struck at the same time sufficient number dated 1917 to make it appear correct on their books.

The Noine Lincoln plaque is really beautiful. We have still a number on hand. I have had a letter from Schulman stating that he has sent over a medal. As yet the medal has not turned up.

I am anxious to know how Stearns turns out with his Librarian appointment. To tell you the truth, I should not think he was qualified for it. Between you and I, it looks like a little bit of politics. As you may know, his Father entered into the political game last election and more than any one else, got McCall, or whoever is the present Governor, elected and the appointment of his son is a small return for the work F. W. Stearns did. Keep this to yourself, however.

The small silver coin that you sent on is a two shuckrum

place. I probably made an error in stating the small copper coin was a chuckrum. It is a Jas or Tash. Sixteen Jas make one chuckrum.

Your friend Mr. Brooks has not been into to see me as yet. When he does I will give him the glad hand.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

April 6, 1917.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library,
Boston,
Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

I wish you could be present at the Dinner we will have on the 24th and I also would like to be present at yours., but at the present moment I can see that this is impossible as I have a Dinner on the 14th.

The Society has grown so fast and has spread in so many ways that we are always up against it for money. In fact, the pace we set when we moved into our new building, far exceeded our endowment. This however was not apparent for some years as certain good members who were responsible for our policy have quietly back up any deficit there might be. That is still going on but it is not a healthy situation. That was the reason we showed up things just as they were at our Annual meeting. All Departments need money but the Library probably need it the most at the present moment as it has no special Endowment, and right now it has no funds to draw upon to buy a single thing except a few contributions that have come in since January. Therefore, if you are touched by the appeal in the March Numismatist and desire to contribute, I would suggest the Library.

On receipt of your letter I sent on to you a bronze Lincoln plaque which you can keep or not as you see fit. We have still a number on hand and if you can interest any other people, go ahead and do it.

As for the H. N. S. striking a medal I would say that you were doing a venturesome thing because the demand for medals is exceedingly limited and the cost is large if you do it right. I think it is folly to strike anything but a good medal and anything good costs money. The whole thing is in the design and some good men should do this. There is to my knowledge, no die-cutter in Boston who can turn out a creditable design, which would consequently necessitate some artist or sculpture to do this. The Whitehead & Hoag Co., are competent to make you a medal for almost any price that you want to give. From shop work up to an excellent production. The Medallic Art Co. of New York do only the best work. Jos. A. Davison's Sons of Philadelphia do good bad and indifferent work according to the money involved.

I am returning the Travancore coin. It is called a Fasu. Yes, my Father is living and apparently is hail and hearty. He is the head of the China and Art Department at R. H. Stearns.

Trusting you are well and having to see you here in New York sometime, I remain, Yours very sincerely,

12 NOV 1917

Dear Mr. Wood

Please hand the enclosed checked card to Mr. Noe. Even if he could supply them I doubt if I'm able to buy them at present.

I have just received a letter from Schulman to the effect that he is coming over. It was dated 3 Oct. I think you may well discourage him about coming to Boston - though I should be glad to see him. I have no money to spend at present; Storer buys nothing but Navals; and Stearns is at Plattsburgh. The rest of the B.N.S. are negligible for such material as Schulman might bring. I don't think his profits would pay his way from N.Y. to Boston. He might, of course, have something to send on approval from N.Y.

We had a good meeting of B.N.S. last Friday - 10 present. Annual meeting in January with dinner.

The outlook is not good. I expect N.Y. and Boston to be laid under tribute by Germany. The U.S. isn't yet waked up to its danger. I fear it won't wake up at all.

Yours truly
H. K. Wheeler

P.S. I wonder why Harrison doesn't come to see me again. I did all I could for him at the time.

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23 JAN 1918

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for yours of 22nd (I'm glad you write 22nd (like 5th) and not 22d as we do here) & I'm always obliging, and Thomas Gilbert it will be in our catalogue.

I shall probably have some further correspondence with Mr. Brown, editor of Valentine's revised Manual, and shouldn't of course undertake to write up the A.N.S without consulting you and its other officers. I'd rather you wrote it.

I wish you might have been at our pleasant dinner. Gray was rather obstreperous: he will never qualify as Secretary again. He blurted out, now and then, that we're too exclusive, sorrow, if we were, he wouldn't be among us. He wants like a monthly (or weekly) meeting with auction sale of old junk. I don't think we shall come to that!

If the A.N.S. was founded on 6 April 1858 it is older than the C.N.S. We were formed, and our first officers chosen, 3 days (after a preliminary meeting 11 Feb.) 1860.

I find, too, from our preserved correspondence that the Numismatic Society of Phila was incorporated in 1858, & in 1864 or 1865 its name was changed to the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. Please tell me, if you know, whether it still exists.

So, apparently two other societies are older than the C.N.S. I find also, a New Haven Numismatic Society writing us as early as 3 June 1863, but don't know how old it was then.

Nevertheless, let me submit the following

quotation from a letter from 205 E. 10th St, N.Y. March 8, 1861, signed by E. Geo Squier and sent to W.J. Appleton:

"Dear Sir

"As I believe the Numismatic Society of Boston is the only one in the country which has any real pretensions to Vitality, I take the liberty of sending to you as one of its officers" — a book.

I have discovered the official copy of our Act of Incorporation in 1870, and perhaps Duffield may publish one or two of our letters and documents on file.

As you will see by Feb. Numismatist, I am now President of the B.N.S. I didn't want to be that, and shan't hold the office long; but felt that Storer was prominent by the man to be Secretary. So in writing out the records of 1871 I resign the scribe's pen.

But I think of preparing a little folder to show origin, early officers and present officers and members of the B.N.S.

We voted to drop our members who never respond including Chevalier. I didn't put the motion, but couldn't oppose it. Of course you've not dropped. May you long be of us!

Yours truly

Horace L. Wheeler

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Sir:

In behalf of the Trustees, I take the liberty of asking if we may hope to receive from you a copy of

which we desire to place upon the shelves of this Library.

The gift would be a welcome addition to the material of great value, the contribution of which, by various donors, has laid under obligation the City of Boston and a constituency of scholars reaching far beyond the limits of the City of Boston.

Thanking you for such assistance as your courtesy may render us in this matter, I am,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

To

Librarian.

15 FEB 1918

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for yours of 11th and for congratulations. I know I shouldn't be President, and my soul revolted against the engineering I was obliged to do in order to get my election. Joy came near smashing my scheme. Storer was all right, though perhaps he thought I might well serve as Secretary another year. But he seemed quite willing to be Secretary and there's no doubt about him being the one man for the place. As he couldn't be Secretary, if he remained President, I undertook the engineering. Sometimes engineering has to be done!

I don't wish Gray were out of the Society, but I think the judgment you once expressed to the effect that he would sometime make a good Secretary was mistaken. He is peculiarly recalcitrant. It would take three generations of breeding to make him possible for anything. I have no joy in saying that.

My letter to the New Haven Numismatic Society came back, as no such society could be found. I don't know whether Hesslein had any effect upon it, but it seems to be dead enough.

I am much interested in your remarks about the Philadelphia Society. Mr. Ernest Stafford, Sec'y, has written me a letter and sent an interesting

pamphlet about the Society. I supposed the Chapmans stood well, and wonder a little that they don't get in.

In this connection I may say that a daughter of J. Ross Snowden, sometime Director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia has been working in my room off and on for some three years, and I have much enjoyed some conversations with her. She is prosecuting some kind of historical research at Wellesley College. I like to have her come here.

About a year ago Stores handed me some old cover tied up with a string. I recently untied the string, found the Act of Incorporation and other interesting matter. I am now completing the records to hand them over to him, but before doing so am thinking of having ~~made~~ a 4 page folder to contain present membership and a few ancient facts, printed. I'm willing to pay for having it done. I'm in favor of increasing annual dues, and at every annual meeting move an assessment, but it is always voted down. We hope in different from other people!

Very truly yours
Horace L. Wheeler.

P. S. I have been elected a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society. It pleases me to have somebody find me out

FEB 12 [illegible]
Boston, Mass. 20 FEB 1919

Dear Mr. Wood:

In response to your letter of some time ago, I write to tell you I support many other recommendations of the N. E. S. at present. I think Red Jay, 95 Milk St., is a reasonable, reliable store for us. Wm. C. Cornelius, 56 Dudley St., Brookline, has recommended Clifford D. Harvey, M. D., 2 Dalrymple St., Brookline, as a good man if wanted. Dr. Harvey is already a member. I have already written you about John T. Spaulding, 27 Beacon St., Boston (a 53 Congress St. man) who might join.

There are possibly some names on the lists of 17 and 18 Associate Editors that I might guess at as probabilities.

I was glad to meet Mr. Higman lately. I send you Transport #5 of my number in publication, containing some stuff about Angle Worm, & Park. Dr. [illegible] Genera have [illegible] made. I shall be glad to see others from him.

I regret that I am so poor a correspondent.

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

January 19, 1920

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your letter came to hand the other day, and as usual, I was very glad to hear from you.

Col. Wyllie's address is Robert E. Wyllie, Colonel General Staff, Equipment Branch, War Department, Washington, D.C. I think he would appreciate your sending him a bulletin with the account of the Washington medal.

Pray don't send my name in to the book fellows. I have cut out the book end of things since living in an apartment, and especially since two children crowd everything else out. Much obliged for your kind thought, but I would rather refrain from purchasing any books.

I have just received a post card concerning the annual meeting, but I doubt if I can get to it.

Very truly,

Curator.

DEPT. OF STATISTICS
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BOSTON, MASS.

29 MAR 1920

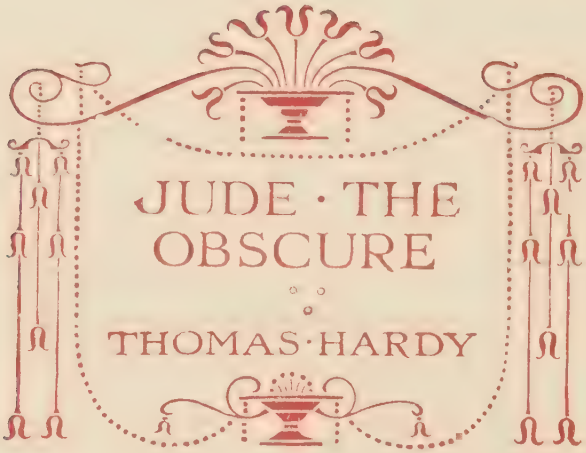
Dear Mr. Wood

I write in the midst of mingled emotions. I was glad to receive your note of 24th and have joyfully awaited the desired catalogue. I did not know there was one so early as LXI, 1915 (which, however, I shall be glad to keep unless you want it back). What I needed for Spaulding was LXV, 1916, "La Guerre Européenne, 1914-1916. Médailles, Monnaies, Papiers Monnaie", and for his sake I hope you have a spare copy of that.

Let me refund your postage of three cents, and thank you.

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler



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Public Library
Boston, Mass.

26 OCT 1920

Dear Mr. Wood

If it won't startle you to hear from me again, now that Schulman tells me you have been home a month, I will give expression to my joy at having you among us once again. I trust & can have no doubt that you had a good time ~~wherever~~ tho I suppose there are parts of the old world it cannot have been a pleasure to see.

The B.N.S. is rather flourishing: we have taken in and elected four or five new members within a year, and most of the officers seem efficient as well as popular. I am persuaded that we ought to collect some annual dues, but the Treasurer and some others don't agree with me. We are to have a medal with a Pilgrim on one side, with PLYMOUTH TERCENTENARY; and the seals of the Old Colony (Plymouth Colony) & the B.N.S. on the other, with oak & laurel (or olive) wreaths, & a torch, & SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. That's how I remember it, & substantially accurate. The Pilgrim (which I helped the designer to improve a bit) is fair: I wanted a ship (small ship on a wide sea) but couldn't make others want it. Eleven obstinate jurymen!

Is there to be a Part III or IV of Vol LIII A.J.N., or is the volume complete? And why did you page Pt. II separately? As a librarian I don't approve.

I understand Maine has 43,000 half dollars still in hand. Only 50,000 of the authorized 100,000 were struck. The coin isn't much.

I like Dallin's Pilgrim half dollar greatly - its ruggedness pleases me. I have a paragraph about it in Nov. Numismatist. See, if you have a chance, whether you can find any sanction for putting a jib over the bowsprit of a seventeenth century ship. Anachronisms are not easy to avoid. It was about a hundred years before the square headsails on ocean ships were given up for the triangular jibs. Something sleepy about the Mint & the National Art Commission? I'm sorry that [illegible]

Sincerely yours
Bryce L. Wheeler

H. L. Wheeler
LIBRARIAN
~~HORACE G. WADLIN~~
(Office, Boston Public Library.)

THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION
BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A.

Boston, ...

Sir:

I am directed to return to you the thanks of this Association for your courteous gift, noted within, which has been received, accepted and placed in the Library.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Librarian.

To

October 26th, 1920.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler,
Public Library,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:-

I am very glad to hear from you. As you can imagine, I have not yet taken the initiative in writing letters since my return as I have found plenty to do here.

I am glad to know that the N. E. S. is getting out a medal. Foster Stearns was saying something about it.

We are hoping that a Part 3 of the Journal will come out. It may be the last Journal as we have no more funds to publish any, and no one is in sight who will underwrite it. We are, however, going to get out numismatic articles in a small page form which you will begin to see shortly. This will come out from time to time, and presumably will take the place of the Journal.

I am sorry that the Pilgrim half dollar has not been any more of a success. It certainly is not a thing of beauty. To tell you the truth, I do not care overmuch for the Pilgrim half dollar. The National Art Commission did not approve of the design. They let it go through without their O.K.

I have looked through a number of medals from 1600 to 1660, and can not find a single jib over the bowsprit. I am no authority but the fact remains that I do not find the jib.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

Public Library
Boston, Mass.

30 OCT 1920

Dear Mr Wood

I'm glad to see your signature again. It seems a pity that the old Journal can't continue, but I shall be interested in the new publications

Thanks for search for jibs. I don't think any can be found, except on coasting boats, but shall be glad to retract if they can. E Keble Chatterton's Sailing Ships (and their Story) & Ships and Ways of Other Days are interesting, as also David Hannay on Rigging in the Britannica. Chatterton says (S. S. p vii), "to put... triangular headsails with a rectangular sail on the 'bonaventure mizzen-mast' of an early sixteenth-century ship, is an inaccuracy scarcely to be pardoned", & I can't find it would be different for the seventeenth century. It's right to put a triangular lateen on the rear mast (or masts, if there are four). Hannay says, "Between the 'Sovereign of the Seas' [1637] and the fully developed [modern] ship... the most apparent differences are in the rigging of the bowsprit and the mizzenmast. The sprit topmast has disappeared, and is replaced by the jib-boom. The square spritsail, which could not be trained fore-and-aft, and was of feeble effect in keeping the ship's head from turning to windward, has been replaced by the jib. The spritsail yard (which continued in use till after 1850) has disappeared and has been replaced by the spritsail gaffs, two fixed spars which slope downwards and help to support the 'jibguys', the lateral supports of the booms." (23, p. 341-2)

I've said that I like the coin much. I had heard from a member of our State Art Commission that Charles Moore had sent some sort of communication about it to the Herald — to the effect, as reported to me, that Dallin didn't know the principles of medallic art, but I've seen no printed use made of the communication. Does the National Commission of Fine Arts think, the coin lacking in design, is it too rough, too unfinished, in appearance, or what? I haven't seen any criticism in Boston papers, though if the election weren't coming off there might be some after the appearance of the Numismatist — for one newspaper man knows what I have written for it.

I hear the demand for the coins, both Maine & Pilgrim, is small. One for Alabama (due Dec. 1919) may be struck, but perhaps there won't be any for Missouri in 1921.

Haven't I seen a Pilgrim medal struck in 1905 by the New England Society of New York, having a small seal of the Society with a ship of one or two jibs? I think there are three jibs besides a wrong mizzensail on the "Mayflower" of the Pilgrim Fathers' tablet put up in Leyden in 1891. Edward Moran put jibs on the ship in his Embarkation from Southampton (if that's the title); but Marshall Johnson painted his ship right.

I will now turn to developing my new method of shorthand writing, in which I could hardly expect you to be interested.

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

Mr. Howland Wood
New York

November 22nd, 1920.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler,
Public Library,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:-

There seems to be other people throughout the country that have discovered the jib on the bow sprit of the Mayflower.

I am going to try to get to Boston for two or three weeks during the winter. While there I would like to be able to run through the different Journals of the Royal Asiatic Societies. I partially did this some years ago, and they let me do it down in the stacks. Would it be possible for me to do the same thing today? As I would want to go through a hundred odd volumes, it would be too much of a nuisance all round to have them brought upstairs.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

January 3rd, 1911

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am expecting now to go to Boston about the fifteenth of the month.

You never told me whether I could work in the stacks or upon the top floor in going through the various journals of the Asiatic Societies. Also, do you know whether I could have certain articles that I might want - especially, photostated?

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Public Library
Boston, Mass.
4 JAN 1921

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for your good wishes, & please pardon me for not replying to your earlier letter. I told the Librarian to-day that I should like to write you that you ~~could~~ might work in the stacks or anywhere else you wished to in the library, & he said "Of course he can!" So Chevalier & I will see that you take advantage of this liberty. We have a photographic room but no photostat, but I should think Stores would be able & glad to arrange for you to have the use of one at the Historical Society.

Will you kindly hand in my enclosed dues for 1921?

I have seen nothing about jibs except in the Numismatist & the Evening Post's copy of it. Sahoff, Sec. of Phila. Coml. Museum, wrote me a good letter on them & ships. The new 1¢ stamp has the proper headrail on the Mayflower.

I think our medal (by Julio Kilenyi) is a very good one. Duffield will illustrate it next month.

Foster Stearns has gone to work in Washington in the Dept. of State & writes as if he was happy.

Perhaps you'll be able to attend our annual meeting & dinner. I hereby invite you.

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

January 13, 1921

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am now expecting to leave here on Saturday morning and will see you some time this coming week.

Many thanks for finding out if I could work at case are unhampered in the library. I certainly will take advantage - although not undue advantage - of this.

As I will see you within a few days, there is no need of saying more now.

Very truly yours,

HW/S

Curator

Public Library
Boston, Mass.

28 MAR 1921

Dear Mr. Wood

I've been meaning to write out my trust that you were keeping well at home and at work again, and to tell you how much I enjoyed Dudley Fay's collection, & [illegible] expressing my opinion — & [illegible]; but all those things will have to wait for adequate expression, while for this time I plunge to you the abrupt question: —

For inheritance tax valuation, how much should an aggregation of fair, and good, just coins, about 2000 pieces, be appraised at?

It contains perhaps a hundred gold coins — staters and small pieces, some of which may be electrum, perhaps 15 orange pieces, and the rest silver including several early and later Syracusan decagrams.

Joy and I had just been to look at Dudley Fay's collection; and Mrs. Fay wants to know so that she can go to Europe.

Suppose we say $10,000 - 15,000?

Can you give me any helpful suggestion reasonably soon? I apologize for asking so much of you.

Maybe Fulton might help, but he's lost his wife. I wish I knew of someone like Hoeck, here.

Shall this go in the mail as the best I can do to-night in the way of a polite inquiry

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

P.S. to be carefully catalogued — out those are so many pieces! Heraclius, Ptolemies Egypt, Seleucid Kings of Syria, N. & W. Asia Minor, Eastern Asia Minor, Thrace, N. & Central Greece, Corinth

Asia
Caria & Islands (Lycia &c.)
Italy
Macedon
Peloponnesus (exc Corinth)
Pontus &c.

(Add a few Japanese copper & gold pieces)

March 30th, 1921

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Like yourself, I have been wanting to write for a long time, but on my arrival here I became interested in an exhibition of Mrs. Merriam's [illegible] which we have been building so that letterwriting has to be held in abeyance.

I do not know how I could begin to appreciate the value of Bailey Page's Trunk which is one [illegible] between one dollar and the next one hundred dollars. I will write to Mr. Howell the moment he comes in [illegible] will be a matter of a few days. Possibly, he could roughly estimate from the catalogue. Could Mr. Howell see this collection by coming to Boston if he should desire to do so? Also, have you any idea if it is going to be sold?

Sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

April 1st, 1921

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your post card came today, and Mr. Newell came back from Baltimore. I told him about Dudley Fay's coins and he is much interested and says he would come to Boston to look them over any time during April 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th and 28rd.

Mr. Newell could put the best valuation on these coins of anyone in this country; and he would do it, of course, for nothing as he is anxious to see these pieces. Could you make an arrangement for him to see them; and also find out if he could make impressions of any at the same time if he desired to do so. As you know, Mr. Newell is our President and ought to have any favors he wants.

Very truly yours,

Curator

y.f.

Public Library
Boston, Mass.
4 APR 1921

Dear Mr. Wood

Yours of 1st reached me late Saturday afternoon. I tried to reach Mrs. Fay (whom I have not yet met) this morning, but found she had gone away till to-morrow noon. So that at present I have it for permission to take anybody to see the coins. Nevertheless I will I am progressing with our Fay-Jotter's valuation.

Mr. F. appears to be in something of a hurry, and so, noting Mr. Newell's preference, I suggest that he come Thursday the 7th (this week), Monday (11th) or Wednesday (13th). I shall probably have to be at the library Tuesday afternoon (12th) as Kosciusko is always busy Tuesday afternoons. I can doubtless secure freedom at any other time, and I think Joy will be glad to do anything that I can't. I will try to get Mrs. F.'s permission to-morrow, and the present suggestion will stand unless I write or telegraph you to cancel it.

I expect to get permission both to show the coins and to make impressions from them, am glad to know Mr. Newell is so much interested in them, and shall be obliged to him for any hints on values he may give me (think of putting values on Greek coins!); and shall be very glad to see him.

A bill from Duffield for Numismatist: I infer I owe it to you here on account of membership in the A. N. S.

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

April 7th, 1921

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your two letters at hand; I could not answer before because Mr. Newell was away and I only got in communication with him last night.

Mr. Newell will be in Boston on Wednesday, the 13th, and will come to the library as soon as he gets in - which will be about noon or early afternoon. However, I will let you know definitely in a day or so.

I want to thank you for the trouble to which you have gone, but I think that we can fix up all our difficulties in appraisement in a very short while.

I think it would be just as well if you let me know Mr. Tay's address in case there should be any hitch.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Public Library
Boston, Mass.
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15 AUG 1921

Dear Mr. Wood

Before you come on to gladden us with your presence and serve us on the entertainment committee, perhaps you can take a look at the A. J. N., vol. 42, no. 2, 1907-8 on p. 19, and tell me where the ending is of the quotation from Gibbon. It puzzles me as printed, and I havent been able to locate the passage. It seems to run straight on up to the quotation from Browning, but Gibbon never heard of Browning. I shall be grateful for any mental relief you can afford me. When shall I see you?

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

P. I. C.

I enjoyed meeting Messrs. Newell and Whitehead very much, and was delighted to have the latter write me before he sailed. You must, please, let me know his address —

August 17th, 1971

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Several of us are coming up on the Fall River boat Friday night and will blow into the Copley some time on Saturday morning.

I have looked up that passage in Vol.42 of the A.J. of N., and I make it that Gibbons' passage ends at "Thrift might follow fawning".

Newell is coming up with me. He had such a good time in Boston, thanks to you, that he is going to take in the Convention.

Mr. R. B. Whitehead's address is -
The Rectory
Bootle
Cumberland, England

Very truly yours,

Curator

A/-

Public Library
Boston, Mass.
26 AUG 1921

Dear Mr. Wood

I haven't many minutes in which to catch the mail. I send some rubbings of an Indian gold piece a lady has left with me.

She wants to know the value. I want to know what it is.

She calls it a Mohur

It's in perfect mint condition and looks like pure gold. Edge plain & pretty smooth. Weight, just short of 8 dwt. (A ten dollar piece weighs almost exactly 8 dwt. & 18 grains (8 3/4 dwt)).

She says pieces like it were given to certain Indian princes & were not for circulation. I don't know that they were money. Shreve, Crump & Low

sent her to me

If you can throw light please do so. Is it worth $20?

My regards of the best sort to Mr. Newell: I am beginning to miss you both — but the Convention is over

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

August 27th, 1921

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Boston Public Library
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

I got back safe and sound from the temptations and pitfalls of Boston on Thursday night after a most enjoyable stay at the Hub.

Your gold coin was issued by the Gourkas of Nepal in Samvat 1960, or 1903 of our era, by Prthvi Vira Vikrama, 1961-1911. Although the piece has a native name, it is generally known as a double mohr. They were not struck for general circulation, but even so they are not especially rare as sets turn up every now and then. They were really presentation pieces. We got a set in gold the other day of nine different sizes for about $50, which was not much more than the gold weight. I do not consider your piece worth $20 - I should say anywhere from $12 to $15.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/A
Enc.

Public Library
Boston, Mass.

22 AUG 1922

Dear Mr. Wood

I have been meaning to write you for a long time, to send the shorthand medal I promised the Society, to express my sorrow at hearing of your illness, and to discharge various other intentions. A while ago I thought all these things might be attended to at the Convention. But I don't know now whether I can get to the Banquet Monday evening and spend the rest of the week in New York, as I should like to. Anyhow I trust your health will continue on the mend until you are yourself again.

We have just lost my best friend at the Library — our Supervisor of Branches, Langdon Ward. That

is on my mind very much. Then the past few days have brought bad news of the health – I mean about the health – of my brother's wife. To-day my broker writes me that he has sold a piece of real estate, and I may have to be here next week to sign deeds. So I can't say to-night what plans are possible.

I intend to pay my dues to the Society shortly – there's no reason whatever why I haven't done so – and to answer Mr. Noe's complimentary suggestion about possibly becoming a Fellow. I think I can do both within a week.

I want to see or write Mr. Newell about a gold Roman coin here, which I find myself unable to consider genuine. Storer took it to Robinson at Newport – without result – and I'd like to let Newell decide.

I don't like to have Joy drop out as 1st V. P. of the A. N. A. It has, to be sure, seemed not quite fitting for Boston to have both V. P.'s, but I am willing it should have none. I hope not to make any sensation, and I am aware that it might seem unbecoming for the President of the B. N. S. to show preferences, but I do not feel like voting for the nominee for 1st V. P. I like the nomination for 2nd better.

We have lost two members, Shepard Pond and Carleton Morse — both gone to New York. Next year we must have a new President, as I shall have been in the chair five years. I suppose the place belongs to Stover, but whom shall we have for Secretary? Perhaps they'll want to let us all drop out, including Joy as Treasurer. Well, although changes are near, I think we have done pretty well

the past few years, and everybody has been very kind to me.

I should like to meet Wormser and many others whom I saw last year again, and I may get in motion to that end next week.

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

September 7th, 192?

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
The Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I want to thank you officially for the semi-centenary of Bookplates in America, which we are indeed glad to have.

I trust that you arrived safe and sound, and in time to save Webster's Dictionary from being stolen from the library.

Very truly yours,

H./S

Boston Public Library
23 Nov., 1922

Dear Mr. Wood

I really feel obliged to ask if you won't take back the copy of No. 16, which I have just received & now return, & send me a better one.

I note with interest & some pain what you say about the Mayflower's head-sails. Wasn't the water sail, below the bowsprit, of later development than the 16th century?

As you were acting-secy awhile ago, I am moved to ask where Mr. Noe is. I would send my regards to him, & also to Messrs. Newell & Reilly; also, to name one more, to Mr. Bealty. The last telephoned me the day I came away & would have shown me his gems. I wish I might have seen them.

Shall I congratulate you on How the Brown Bear crunched John Harward?

Did Messrs. Fay, Spofford & Thorndike send you a bronze medal by Allen Newman of the new Springfield bridge? If so, be thankful, in part to me, as I told them about you. They sent the B. N. S. two examples.

Will you please hand the enclosed slip to Mr. Reilly? It's about something I mentioned to him last summer

Thanks for your clipping. Jerry Watson is the Sam Adams of this day — or rather I mean the reverse of that — S. A. was the J. W. of his day. We have had to can Helen Nicolay's book on American freedom, but are hoping to save the dictionaries some other time

Sincerely yours
Horace G. Wheeler

November 25th, 1922

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Boston Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am sorry that you received a faulty copy of the last monograph, and I am sending you another at once.

I also am sorry that I have given you pain concerning the Mayflower head-sails. The inspiration came from you, but possibly I misinterpreted your criticism. I think I am right in saying that the Mayflower did not have a jib. Now, for head-sails - I suppose you mean the sprit sail on a little dinky mast above the bowsprit, generally on the tip. Looking through a book on rigging, I feel pretty well convinced that sprit sails, both above and below the bow-sprit, had been in use for 200 or 300 years before the time of the Mayflower. Whether those under the bowsprit are as old as those above the bowsprit, I do not know. Possibly my mistake was in defining the exact place of the sprit-sail on the Mayflower, but some how or other I was under the impression that large ships, such as men-of-war, had sprit sails above as well as below; and small ships with lighter bowsprits had them only below. Although I used the name "water-sail", meaning the sail near the water, I suppose I should have used the word "sprit-sail", but I was given to understand that any sail touching the water, whether at the side of the ship or in front of the ship, could be termed a "water-sail".

Mr. Noe is at the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, but so far, we have had only one real letter from him since he reached there. I have been keeping busy here all of the autumn, as pretty nearly up to date I have been holding the fort alone.

I think Brown has beaten Harvard once before, but, if I remember rightly, Brown was always out of luck against Harvard but has been able to put it over Yale several times.

We received the Springfield Bridge medal, and I want to thank you now that I know who was the good angel back of the gift.
I will hand the astronomical gift to Reilly.

Sincerely yours,

HW/E

Boston Public Library
10 Dec, 1922

Dear Mr. Wood

Thank you for good copy of No. 16.

I suppose I may regret that nobody has seemed to care what sort of head sails the Mayflower had. The only comment I ever received on the subject came from Mr. Schoff of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum. Dallin lent a half-dollar to this Library, but I never heard of his saying anything about his error except that he worked after the model in the National Museum & thought that had a jib or two. The book I wanted to refer to after your letter came is still in the bindery, but I think the "water sail" was a late attribute of ships, used after the bowsprit became nearer horizontal, & used together with modern foresails or jibs. The use of the jib naturally straightens out the bowsprit. The old bowsprit was

"steeved" — it stuck up like this. & the square sail hung from a yard in front of it, but high above the water . The spirit top-mast was an additional upright spar at the end of the bowsprit & carried its own yard(s) & sail(s). The Mayflower very likely had spirit topmast sails as well as what I should call a "square head-sail", which didn't hang above the bowsprit but in front of (or below, less properly speaking) it.

Never mind. Your booklet is useful & good, & I'm glad to have a perfect copy.

I think I will send you shortly an article by Albert Matthews on "Copperheads", which may be fit for your library on account of its mentioning coins which were so called — but it merely mentions them. And I mean to send also a little treatise on money, got out by a bank here.

I have received a rather good little bronze medal which celebrates 175 years (1747–1922) of the Red-

wood Library of Newport. I have tried to impress the Librarian with the desirability of having one sent to the A. N. S., but I know he can't do just as he likes in the matter, & they're about all distributed. I'm going to acknowledge my specimen to Dr. Roderick Terry, Linden Gate, Newport; & if one goes along to you please let me know.

We had a good meeting last month, taking in Storer's brother John, who is now, again, Curator at Harvard. I hear that Storer himself is going to Europe in January, after our annual meeting (12th) & there's a rumor that I'm to be made Secretary "during his absence". That's one office I don't want either permanently or temporarily. I've been President 5 years, which are enough. Now I think it well that somebody else, with Storer, should run the Club - Joy says he won't be Treasurer any longer. I used to think of Shepard Pond as the next Secretary, but he's left us for N.Y.

I'm aware I've never definitely answered Noe's query whether I'd become a Fellow if I had the chance. I'm doubtful whether I ought to stand in anybody else's way, & am content to be an associate member. I will say now only that if I were chosen this month I would accept. This perhaps apparent indifference doesn't mean indifference to or lack of keen interest in the Society. Moreover I'd like a larger show of Boston names on the Fellows' list. I know Faelten's is to appear there but don't know about Storer's. I suppose Joy has an important collection but he doesn't show it much — & I don't know whether he's been asked.

Christmas is coming & I wish you all its joys

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

P.S. The B.P.L. was bidden by Mayor & Council to send the latter a list of books on American history. So a book of 8,500 titles was submitted, with information that a complete list of titles relating to Am. hist would make some 40,000 — Since that, there has been silence.

December 12th, 1922.

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.,
Public Library,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

I was very glad to hear from you but as my knowledge is so feeble on sails of other years, I will have to refrain from answering for to use the slang expression "I would be talking through my hat".

I will be glad to get the book by Matthews which you mention, and I trust we will eventually get the Redwood Library medal.

John Storer was in New York the other day but I did not see him.

We are going to have here in the spring a very important exhibition of sculpture that will be all over the terrace, and the medal end will be in our building.

On reading carefully the last page of your letter I think I will take advantage of the loop-hole that you left and present your name to the Council at the January meeting. The status is this: your name was proposed to the Council as a perfectly proper candidate, and approved. All I have to do now is to get the Council to ratify. Now don't go back on me and renig because I believe as you do that there should be a good representation of Fellows from Boston.

With the greetings of the season, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.
21 December, 1922

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for your letter & good wishes. As for the fellowship I am resting on the knees of the gods.

I enclose 50¢ in stamps & should like a copy of Monograph No. 12. I have a full file with this exception, & I may sometime want to make a bibliography of your works!

I have just acquired my 29th new, middle-aged & old watch. This one was made in 1764-5 & has an outer repousse case of silver.

With all the season's good wishes

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

December 26th, 1922

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am having No.12 mono-graph sent to you. As you have placed me as "the knees of the gods" you will probably see that you are a Fellow after the next Council meeting.

We have just gotten over the bustle of Christmas and are trying to settle down again. Somehow or other, despite a Christmas tree and two children, it didn't seem this year quite as much like Christmas as it should.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

January 17th, 1923

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

As you will see from the enclosed bill, you were made a Fellow of the Society at the last Council Meeting which was held on January 12th. Please pardon my tardiness in acquainting you with this fact, but our Annual Meeting was on the 13th and our building is closed on Mondays.

I think you took a wise step in becoming a shareholder in our organization, but do not set great hopes on the likelihood of our very soon dividing our treasures into equal parts of one hundred and fifties!

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary & Curator

HW/E
Enc.

January 25th, 1923.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler,
Public Library of the City of Boston,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that at the last Council meeting you were unanimously elected a Fellow of The American Numismatic Society.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary.

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
29 January, 1923

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for two notifications of my election, & for two bills — which might be called the dun brown. I am obliged to you for your efforts in my behalf & to The Council for the honor done me. I accept the election with pleasure tho' with some misgiving, because there's so much to live up to, as in joining the Church.

I gave the B. N. S. the best chance possible to elect another President, & had a square talk with Storer beforehand; but they chose me again unanimously. Perhaps if you had been at the meeting the vote would have been — the same.

Thanks, too, for Nos. 12 & 15 of Publications. The paper of the latter seems a little inferior.

I suppose you received the

two pamphlets I sent (mentioned in an earlier letter).

I enclose my check for $15 with my regards to the Treasurer

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

Howland Wood, Esq.
Secy A. N. S.
New York, N.Y.

January 30th, 1923

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The only reason I can think of for your having received two bills must be because you are such an important person - that your becoming a Fellow involved a routine as well as a personal letter. As we try never to miss a trick, automatically a bill goes out with every communication! I suppose it took a good deal of grey matter to decide which bill to pay!

Your election as President certainly showed the sober second sense of the people of Boston. If they had done otherwise, I should have thought that disintegration of their reasoning powers had set in.

Presumably, I did not acknowledge the receipt of the two pamphlets which you sent. They came and have been accessioned. I beg to thank you very much on behalf of the library as well as myself.

We are now right in the throes of a Spring Exhibition of modern Art work.

Sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

March 13th, 1923

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Much as I would like to be present at the Boston City Club on Friday, March 16th, I regret that I shall be unable to do so.

With kind regards

Very truly,

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
16 May, 1923

Dear Mr. Wood

I regret you can't be with us Friday evening (Stores just back from Europe), & that I can't be with you Saturday afternoon

The Albemarle Stamp Collector (Apr. 23) reprints from the Philatelic Journal of America (1889) an article by Charles Gregory on Encased Postage Stamps. A stamp man wants to know what else there is in print on the subject. Is there a booklet? Our catalogue shows nothing, but very likely yours will disclose something

I trust you & yours are well & happy

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

The stamp man would like something he can get & send to a foreign correspondent

1915

May 18th, 1923

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am sorry that I cannot be with you tonight but Duty calls me here.

There has been very little written on the encased postage stamps. Gregory's article and a short account by Ben Green in the Numismatist for 1912, p. 299 are about all, except check lists. We published a check list in our catalogue of the Exhibition of the United States coins. Ben Green, in his Numismatic Reference and Check list, and the enclosed list by Dunham comprise about all. This list of Dunham's you may keep as we have several copies.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E
Enc.

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass
9 July, 1923

Dear Mr. Wood

Excuse me for making inquiries of you so often: I don't like to be a nuisance, but the Russian refugees are in our midst & want to sell a denga or two, of unknown age & pretty surely of silver. See Hazlitt: Eur. Cont. p. 360 (Rider on horse on one side, & unreadable inscription on the other).

I don't want to say $1.00 a piece if they're worth more. Have you any opinion?

I almost hope you are on vacation. I had meant to go to N.Y. last month but Rosenberg's father died. The mourning lasted 8 days + 4 Sabbaths, & is to last 10 months, more to the extent of 1/2 day Saturday.

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

July 11th, 1923

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The small Russian coins are not rare; they are known as Wire Money. I would give anywhere from 25¢ to 75¢ each for them, according to ruler and condition. We have been flooded here with mediocre Russian coins for some time. So far I have hardly seen a thing worth while.

I am taking some sort of a vacation this month, coming in only on Wednesdays.

Very sincerely yours,

HW/E

Box 11

Christmas Day, 1923

Dear Mr. Wood

I was going to ask you about "The Hague, Holland" & "Hawaiian Island", in last Proceedings, pp. 107 (Kerkwyk: also see Schulman, p. 113) & 101 (Burnham), — whether not better "(The) Netherlands" & "Hawaii"; & I was going to send the Redwood Library medal to Mr. Reilly; but havent been able to sit still long enough the past six months

Everything is going smoothly here. We have an annual meeting about the 10th of Jan. Last Sunday (& Saturday) I appeared on the stage (in the Library hall) for the first time in my life, & the Community Service people think they have discovered a new histrionic star & want me to appear again. Doesn't that amuse you?

I trust you're well & send my best wishes for a happy Christmas & New Year. Same to Messrs. Noe & Reilly

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

December 28th, 1923

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
ThePublic Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I was certainly glad to get, let us call it, your Christmas letter.

I must congratulate you on your *début* as a public speaker, although I am a little at a loss to know whether or not to term you an actor because you write of an appearance on the stage and not on the platform. If an actor, did you imitate Irving or turn a white rabbit into a silver dollar?

Don't forget to send the Redwood Library medal to us!

I accept your emendations, and will see that henceforth we shall call Holland and those mid-Pacific islands by their right names.

A short while ago, I bought a house in Flushing, and am now going through all the thrills of tending the furnace, and I suppose later, of cleaning away the snow!

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

I've sent you the
Redwood Library
medal
& may write soon

Annual meeting of
B. N. S. day after to-
morrow

H. L. W.

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass
14 Jan. 1924

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood Esq
Curator, American Numismatic Socy
Broadway, between 155 & 156th Sts.
New York
N. Y.

January 15th, 1924

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Very many thanks for your gift of the Redwood Library medal. We very much appreciate your contribution, and are delighted to add it to the many other gifts we have received. I am sorry you could not have been with us for the Annual Meeting last Saturday, which proved an unusually interesting meeting and was well attended.

Again thanking you for your support,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
28 April, 1924

Dear Mr. Wood

Here are my dues — if you will kindly hand them over

I took a vacation of 3 days last week for the Harvard Theological School. If I take another I shall go to New York.

We have a meeting Wednesday, but being no longer an officer I dont have to go — but may.

Storer is back from South America, but I've seen him only once. Shumway & others have been in to see me, but my ways are not Shumway's.

Very good Huguenot half-dollar — with a proper ship.

Prof. Allen B. West, Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., is said to be interested in Greek coins. I've been intending to write him about the A.N.S. You might send him a leaflet. He professes history.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Horace L. Wheeler

ORIGINAL COPY
LEFAX, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April 30th, 1924

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you for your 1924 Membership dues.

Professor Allen West has recently become a member. We know him very well and expect soon to print an article which he is writing.

I trust when you do get to New York that you will let me know. I am planning to be away most of the summer but shall be at my home in Flushing.

Very truly yours,

Curator

ORIGINAL COPR. 1910

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
9 Nov., 1924

Dear Mr. Wood

You will be sorry to hear, if you have not already heard, that our friend Fred Joy made away with himself last Monday. I was buried Thursday. I heard only a few weeks ago that he had been taken to some kind of retreat, but they appear to have sent him home Monday — where he stayed about five minutes. He was well & prosperous in May or June, when I last saw him

I hear that Shumway is in bankruptcy. We have had one meeting of the Society, with the usual number ~~of~~ ~~ab~~ fourteen in attendance S. Pond is expanding his piano business, I hasn't published our meetings. Probably he'll reform

Massachusetts did very well in the recent election. New Yorkers seem to like Smith. I don't think the new governor of Mass. is anybody to be proud of! I haven't seen Foster Stearns during the campaign. It's too bad he's grown so deaf as to have to leave the diplomatic service

LEFAX, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

I trust you are well officially & personally. I've got along pretty well this summer, but my work doesn't inspire. I still have the Librarians (Dining) Club to look out for & must appoint a meeting pretty soon

Sincerely yours
Horace R. Wheeler

November 14th, 1924

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The news of the death of Fred Joy was a great surprise to me. I was sorry to hear of so tragic an end. I had heard about Shumway. I have seen Foster Stearns once or twice as he passed through New York.

We have just opened our Foreign Medals Exhibition. As you can imagine, I have been kept tremendously busy preparing it.

Schulmann has been over here, and sailed for home last Saturday. I think he did not go to Boston.

Many thanks for keeping me posted on current events.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
20 Apr., 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

I do not like to bother you with queries but have no one else to turn to. You have always been cheerful in replying, & I won't assume that you ever have had toward me the same annoyed & unbenevolent feelings that I have (sometimes) toward the public which pesters me almost all the time. The present questions – if I can get them together – have arisen one by one thro many weeks

I wrote Mr. Noe Saturday. I was much distressed over his problem, but it did seem as if Watkins had really sent him an answer, which the U.S. mail had lost. Still, I don't know

It has been a long, cold, disagreeable day, with some snow – colder than when I was at Concord 50 years ago, or at least, worse – & that's saying much. The day of the battle was hot, & the British were exhausted. If it

had been cold, like these anniversaries, the Revolution might have been nipped.

The questions — they may not all have question marks — are

1. Do you know Chinese well enough to say whether this mark is that?

It is minutely engraved on a small oval space on the works of a strange (old) watch which a Montana man has sent me. There is no name of maker, the only other characters I can find on it being the F and S near the regulating lever. All the bridges (the disconnected parts of the top plate) are skilfully covered with flowers & scrolls. A Chinaman told the owner it was a Chinese watch but he writes that perhaps he was "tying his bull to me". I'm sure the wheels were made in England, but to me the decoration isn't necessarily occidental or oriental.

This is long & I have had to erase an extra cross-line. I tried to make it out of it when the owner first sent me a drawing, but the

2. I have a brass Roman colonial piece (19 mm. & thick) with a portrait of Plotina, wife of Trajan & benefac-

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tress of Hadrian. On the obv. CEBACTH ΠΛΩΤΕΙΝΗ; on the reverse a gazelle (or other beast) and ΝΩΝ. The rest of the legend is entirely off the flan & I'd like to find out what it is. I can think of only ΜΑΚΕΔΟ ΝΩΝ & ΑΒΥΔΗ ΝΩΝ

3. What's the miserable thing I enclose? I know the E. I. Co's bale mark but can't find anything like the coin

4. The Mint Catalogue, p. 86, 1357-58, says "The only specimens" Are there none in private hands?

5. In your Commemmorative Coinage you say the Grant 1/2 dollar (p. 61. 24) has on it "1822 G 1922" I can't make the obscure thing out to be a G, which I suppose would mean Grant. Is it like "G"? Gardin

6. What's the "Θ" on the reverse of the Monroe-Doctrine 1/2 dollar? Hector Bach

Perhaps that's all I must ask, & I apologize to you

The Lexington-Concord half dollar is not to my liking. It has the bad wide border of the Missouri,

is no such recorded watchmaker as E. Hoag

& I don't sense anything Greek about the coin. The Pilgrim had style; this hasn't. Still the Mint may have done worse when it struck the Philippine coinage, or the trade dollar! The Lex.-Con. postage stamps are good

Thank you, & with best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Horace L. Wheeler

April 28th, 1925

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am always glad to hear from you, and always delighted to answer questions when I can.

From your drawing, I could not say positively whether the marks on the Cartouche are Chinese or not. At a glance they look like Chinese, but on further study, they make no character of which I know, so I really cannot help you out. Nor can I tell you about your Roman coin with the Greek inscription. Unfortunately Newell is in Europe; he could probably tell me at a glance.

The miserable thing you enclose was struck by the English at Sumatra. I have put the "dope" on the small envelope.

The description of the $20.00 gold piece, but of the size of a $10.00 piece except that it is twice as thick, is correctly given in the Mint Catalogue. There were only two struck.

If I were writing the description of the Grant half-dollar over again, I would not put it down as 1822 G 1922. I would mention the "G" separately as it is the initial of Laura Gardin who designed the piece. It is so poorly rendered on the coin that it might be an Old English G.

CB for

The little monogram on the Monroe Doctrine half-dollar is "Ches Beach". I think much of the Lexington half-dollar, but don't blame the Mint for these as it had no say in the matter. As it looks to me, the Committee laid out what it wanted, Chester Beach made the designs, and I can see on the face of it that it is not his own idea.

Very truly yours,

Curator

ITALY

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
29 Apr., 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

Thank you a lot for the pains you took to answer me. I don't think the Kapang is worth keeping — too many scratches on it. I went to Tomita of the Art Museum with the Chinese & he said the 用 was straight enough, sounding yah) but the 口 was pseudo & impossible to read by anybody. He thought some one who didn't know Chinese had tried to copy something & failed. I have sent back to Montana the watch on which the marks were engraved.

I thought (& Shepard Pond did, too) that a year or so ago a St. Gaudens $20 of the $10 size was offered in an Elder sale

I think the G (more like (?) C) is a little plainer on the dollar than on the half. There's no reason why I should have thought of it as standing for Laura Gardin (Fraser) Is she J. E. Fraser's wife? I'm glad to know of Chester Beach; never heard of him before; is his mark on the Lex.-Con. coin?

The town of Lexington (or the bank there) is selling a pretty little medal for 25¢, made by Whitehead Hoag.

I bought a Lewis-Clark dollar the

other day & after making a description of it found it didn't agree with yours, but haven't been able to change my mind. Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography (1900) has a portrait of Geo. Rogers Clark. The portrait on what you call the obv. is much like it. Still, Wm. may not have resembled Geo. But the Cyclop. also has a good portrait of Meriwether Lewis, after an original by St. Memin, made when he was Jefferson's secretary. It appears in larger size in the May 1905 number of the "Lewis & Clark Journal", of which we have 5 nos. in our Library; & this portrait I can't help thinking is of the same man who appears on what you call the reverse of the dollar. Perhaps you will care to investigate, &, indeed, somebody may already have written you what I am writing. I don't know what the official circulars may have said at the time, but my opinion is as above stated

Somebody has given me some old bean shaped Chinese or Japanese money to-day for identification. It has square looking characters on it like those near (1) on the enclosed card. I don't anything about it. He also brings me a large silver piece

of which I have made an incomplete sketch under (2) on both sides of the card. I've never seen the like. What I'd like just now to know most is whether it's worth $3 or $10. The sketch shows size & I give the weight — a silver 50¢, 3 25¢, a dime & an old 5¢ piece. It just falls short of that aggregate of weight.

This is all for now, but I will enclose my dues, which please hand to Mr. Gillingham or dispose of otherwise properly. I must now write the Montana man what I don't know about his watch. I may write Mr. Noe in a day or two

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

May 1st, 1945

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The information I had about the twenty-dollar gold pieces of the ten-dollar size was what Comparette gave me. Whether or not both of these specimens are in the Mint, I do not now remember. I do recall something that Roosevelt or someone else borrowed one and did not return it promptly - or not at all. It possibly was never returned and got into a sale. I will ask Elder the next time I see him.

If you should happen to get one of those small Lexington medals by Whitehead & Hoag Company, I should like it.

No one has ever called my attention to the heads on the Lewis and Clark dollar. I copied my description from the Mint records thinking that they ought to know. However, I have some lurking remembrance that at the time I was not wholly satisfied with their description. I have now forgotten the details, but possibly I mentally questioned the Mint's accuracy.

Your Japanese coins are as follows: The small size one is known as the Mame Gin, and the other one is a provincial issue of Akita. The Mame Gin may be worth from 25¢ to 50¢. The Akita , from $3.50 to $4.00. You will find a nice account of all these pieces in detail in Neil Gordon Munro's book "The Coins of Japan" which is undoubtedly in the library.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

Thank you. I had found Munro's book but chiefly wanted to know the value of the pieces.

I told Shepardson a week ago to get me a Lex. medal & if he does you may have it

My opinions are strong on the Lewis-Clark portrails I've no doubt of being right.

My dues were paid just in time: this morning a second "2nd notice" came

H.L.M.

Boston Public Library
2 May, 1925

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LET'S GO!
CITIZENS
MILITARY
TRAINING
— CAMPS —

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood, Esq
Curator Amer Numismatic Soc'y
Broadway between 155 & 156th Sts
New York
N.Y.

May 5th, 1925

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I have changed my own copy of my Commemorative Coinage to read "Lewis" instead of "Clark", etc. as I feel that you are right. Yours was the first real comment on this monograph after three years of public gaze! And yesterday I received my second comment, telling me of two die varieties of the Lafayette dollar - chiefly in the spacing of the letters.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Thanks for appreciative note of yesterday. Will mark new knowledge of half-dollar in my cat.

I copy the following from Mar. Monthly Cat. U. S. Pub. Docs., p. 662:

Half-dollar. S. 3895, act to authorize coinage of silver 50-cent pieces in commemoration of 150th anniversary of Battle of Bennington and independence of Vermont, in commemoration of 75th anniversary of admission of California into the Union, and in commemoration of 100th anniversary of founding of Fort Vancouver, Wash. [Approved Feb. 24, 1925.] 2 p. (Public 452.)

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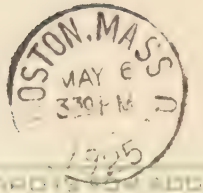
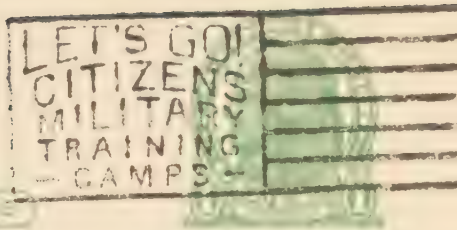
Yours truly
H. L. W.

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
6 May, '25





THIS SIDE FOR CARD OR ADDRESS

Howland Wood, Esq.
Curator Am. Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155 & 156th Sts
New York
N. Y.

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
7 May, 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

1. Please be so good as to give the information the enclosed slip asks for

2. I have written Shepardson to get me a Lexington medal. If he doesn't supply I'll give the Society the one I have

3. One word more on the Lewis-Clark dollar. As Lewis was the more important explorer I think his side is the obverse, & the reverse is the side inscribed LEWIS-CLARK EXPOSITION PORTLAND ORE. '1904.' *

Hoping you will agree with me in this, also, I'm always

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

*That is: the portraits are printed right; the inscriptions, only, need transposing

May 13th, 1925

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I have just received a badge which was given to the guests of the Lexington Celebration. It has the standing male figure sideways on the one side; and has a buff and blue ribbon. I think, however, that this is not the same as the medal.

It certainly looks as if we were going to be deluged with Commemorative coins. As long as they come out one at a time with a little breathing space in between, we can save up our nickels.

Your coin of Yuan-Shihkai is known as a half-Kwam, half a dollar or fifty-cents piece. I have been given to understand that the wreath is composed of barley.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
16 May, 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for yours of 14th. The Chinese coin was one of 3 (others said to be 10 & 20 ¢) bought of Elder & not good enough to keep. I didn't know the wreath, & wasn't sure of "Yuan Shi-kai", as the Political Science Quarterly Supplement, for March(?), spells it

Why hope – though I may – for better commemorative coins? The Pilgrim & Illinois & Grant are good

I enclose my Lexington medal. You are welcome to it if you want it, even though it duplicates the one with buff & blue ribbon. Sheparson writes they are all gone in Lexington

Do you feel like helping me on several problems? Maybe I'm too curious – perhaps because I'm getting old

1. Egypt (see enclosed slip of rubbings & transcriptions) My knowledge of Arabic is pretty strictly confined to numerals (Why don't they make

them from ~~left~~ right to left, instead of from left to right? Perhaps the reason is mathematical), & I don't know whether the set I have acquired from Guttag is reckoned in paras, millièmes, ochr'el-guerches (spelled so or otherwise) or what, & all the Statesman's Year-Book tells me is that there are nickel pieces 1/10, 1/5, 1/2 & 1 piaster & bronze of 1/20 piaster. These don't fit that scale. Please, how shall I catalogue them? I notice a character under the numeral on the bronze, & this (or its like) with an addition appears on the nickel. Of course I can't read the inscription on the obverse.

2. You know the little moneyer's marks on Napoleonic coins of Italy — there are similar things on Scandinavian coins — & can you name them. Theres a turnip ⊕ which a learned numismatist tells me is an "obus" (hand grenade?) & ⊕ which he calls an "inverted chalice" I think its an inverted antique lamp. The anchor I recognize, but there's a wishbone

or other thing which I don't remember well enough to describe Perhaps there's an account of these somewhere

3. Some Sardinian gold & silver coins (Charles Emanuel & Victor Emanuel II) puzzle me by having their reverse legend apparently end with "&", which I don't consider a moneyer's mark. Engel & Serrure (p. 417) quote "Dei gratia rex Sardiniae, Cypri et Hierosolymorum dux Sabaudiae et Montisferrati, princeps Pedemonti", but don't quote the "&" at all. Take a 5-lire piece of 1859: The obverse reads, VICTORIVS EMMANVEL II·D·G·REX SARD CYP·ET HIER 1859. Turn it over & if you begin to read at the apparent beginning you find DVX SAB·GENVAE ET MONTISF· PRINC·PED·& (followed by Ⓟ (the "P" incuse, anchor & L·5). Now should you begin to read with PRINC·, (at the right side) you may go on, PED·& DVX SAB·ET MONTISF·, or, should you begin more than half way up the left side you may

read GENVAE ET MONTISF· PRINC· PED· &
DVX SAB·; or ought you to read the
reverse first, beginning DVX SAB·
& going on to PRINC· PED· &, & then
read the obverse? But you can't
have VICTORIVS EMMANVEL come
after &. That & is troublesome &
besides you notice that ET occurs
between GENVAE & MONTISF· The
connective is spelled out there. I
wish you might clear this up for me
On a half-doppia (demi-doppia, Engel & Serrure, p. 417) of Charles Emanuel I have CAR·EM·D·G·REX·SAR·CYP·
ET·IER·1770 | DVX·SAB·ET·MONTISF·PRINC·
PED·&· — & there you are! [See E.&S. p. 692]
4. I think I know a palm wreath
from any other, but how can
I distinguish a laurel from an
olive? Take the new Liechtenstein
coins. Liechtenstein has had no
army since the 'sixties & the
wreath on the obverse is not
fitting if laurel: it ought to be
olive. By the way the Numismatist,
p. 89 (Feb.) says: "Heretofore the prin-

cipality had no coins of its own, but I have a Krone of 1904, which is not Austrian, for it reads, JOHANN FÜRST VON LIECHTENSTEIN; &, also by the way that shield of pretense on the arms is curiously like & also unlike the U. S. shield (40 stars & 19 stripes as against 13 stripes & no stars).

To close up the wreath business I may add that I can't make out the kind that is on a Carrera Guatemalan peso of 1860 (gold). It may be palm of some sort

5. I wonder if you know any more about the Tabora 15 rupie pieces than is told in current Numismatist (p. 263). I have a concave one

I promised our ~~Club~~ Society that I would write something about Morey if the May Numismatist didn't say something — as it does

You may be interested to know that Foster Stearns, having recently bought a house on Brimmer street, is now thinking of

giving it up & removing to Worcester. Verily, the true Church has a grip on him! He is to become Librarian of the College of the Holy Cross. I don't know whether this is public information yet, but it won't do any harm in N. Y.

Did the Baptists at Brown University treat W. J. Bryan with sufficient deference?

I stop abruptly: you'd rather have me do that than not stop at all.

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

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Copper Bronze

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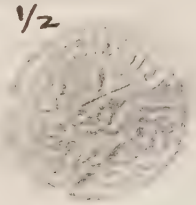

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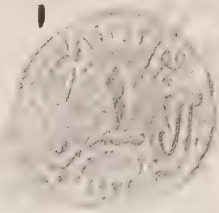

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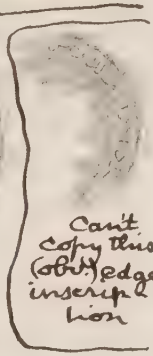

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Does it say "Egypt" anywhere?

*Regret untidy smooch - due to haste

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Venice & anchor

Bologna an acorn & oak leaf

Turin U and heart

Roma Romulus & wolf & twins

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May 18, 1925

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your letter just in hand and I am returning to you the medal as I note that you say that it is your own. Ours is just the same but with a ribbon and bar for a guest. Many thanks for sending this on, but as we have one I do not want to rob you of yours.

All of the coins of which you send rubbings are the last Egyptian issue. On the obverse side it says Fuad the First, King of Egypt. On the other side is the Country of Egypt and the date in Christian and Mohammedan eras. The word in small writing under the figures is "milimat" which corresponds with "milliemes." The two bronze coins have simply "miline." One hundred milliemes equal a piaster so that you can call these either denomination that you wish. The moneyer's marks on the Napoleonic coins of Italy are as follows: for Milan, the coppa which can be translated a cup or the oil vase of a lamp, and a pomegranate; for Venice, the coppa and an anchor; for Bologna, the coppa and an acorn and oak leaf; for Turin, a heart and a U; for Rome, a R, crown and wolf and twins.

The Sardinian legend is easy. It is not uncommon on many coin inscriptions. The final "and" means etc., which takes in all of the minor titles for which there is not room enough on the coin. To distinguish the laurel from an olive branch is extremely difficult. Generally, if the berries are large we say olive. If very small or none we say laurel. The wreath on the Liechtenstein is olive. You will note the fruit is large enough to eat. The shield, I believe, is meant to be the United States shield. I have been given to understand that his mother or grandmother was an American. As for this issue being a first, that is not so. There was an issue in 1904 and some of the years since. Also one in 1862 and coins now and thenhave been made for several centuries back.

The wreath on the Carrera gold coin and Guatamala is given as a palm. It looks more to be like an ostrich plume.

I think you have in a nutshell from the last Numismatist issued all there is to know of the Tabora coins. I am interested to know about Foster Stearns. As you say, the Church certainly has a hold on him. I was interested to hear the way the

Brown boys treated Bryan. When I was in college he came there at the invitation of Benjamin Andrews during the silver campaign of 1896. He was to give a speech in Market Square. The whole university turned out and made such a noise that he was unable to get one word across.

Very truly yours

HW C
Enc. Medal

Curator

June 8, 1925

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have before me copies of oil paintings of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, owned by the government and published in the Mentor # 178, May 1, 1919, The Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The picture of Lewis is identical with what I called Lewis on the coin and the picture of Clark certainly resembles the portrait on the other side.

This is the first chance I have had to check up on what you wrote me a while ago.

Very truly yours

HW C

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
29 June, 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

I must write you a word to-night tho I know I cannot do it as I'd like to. Bunker Hill day & Commencement week before last kept me from doing much else then, & half of last week was taken up by an all N. E. librarians' convention. I had a good time both weeks — & heard a very fine oration by Mr. Hughes — but got tired nevertheless.

The little Lexington medals seem scarce enough, but I didn't want you to return the one I sent you. We more than paid for it over again by using registered mail.

I was grateful to you for your care & patience in answering all my questions. The answer to the "&" inquiry surprised me by its simplicity (& made me feel as if my own had been demonstrated). But when I wrote

I could see no solution of the difficulty. Later I found a specimen with "&c" but I didnt find it early enough.

I have a Spanish Moorish coin, & another from some where in India which I feel like asking your help about, but I won't send them just now.

I sent Schulman some bids on his 9 June auction but evidently I don't know values, to judge by the prices he tells me the things I bid on brought. I couldn't compete, & the experience, joined with the ignorance I showed when I asked so many questions, stirs within me the suspicion that I'm not qualified to be a Fellow of the A.N.S. However, I know more than I did, & am learning. I don't think it's the fashion nowadays to be accurate in the historical field — & I wish it were.

Your letter about Lewis & Clark disturbed me. I got the Mentor; I looked up the St. Memin portraits

in our big St. Memin book; I consulted Walter Rowlands who used to be our fine arts expert (he's now at the Gardner Museum); & I went over the case with Capt. Willey of our Society. Moreover, I considered the fact that Lewis died at 32. My most probable present solution is that the Mentor made a mix-up of those two portraits by Chas. Willson Peale. The portrait called "Lewis" doesn't fit St. Memin's delineation (& St. Memin had a mechanical silhouette contrivance which made for a sort of photographic accuracy). The portrait called "Clark" does fit St. Memin's Lewis & all the other Lewis portraits even in The Mentor. The Willson Peale "Lewis" doesn't even fit St. Memin's Clark. It does look like the portrait on what I think is the back side of the dollar. I'm sure that the real obverse of this is the side with U.S.A. One dollar on it (Cf the St. Louis dollars)

That being the front, I should expect it to carry Lewis, not Clark. I think it does.

Notice I don't say it does. I don't know that; & I don't care a penny about having my own way. I'd rather know the fact. I'm perplexed. Rowland's hasn't much confidence in the Mentor's accuracy, but it at least displays the incompatibility between St. Memin (& some sculptors) & Peale. Perhaps it's possible that Clark in his long life may have grown into Lewis's likeness but the portrait called Clark isn't necessarily an old face. St. Memin's Clark doesn't resemble it; neither does it much resemble Peale's "Lewis"

I should only say the same thing over again if I said any more. But just compare Peale's "Lewis" with the statue of Wm. Clark on p. 3 of the Mentor

I trust you're enjoying the summer

Sincerely yours,
Horace L. Wheeler

August 19th, 1925

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Mr. Brooke handed us the other day, the souvenir of the 300th Anniversary of Quincy, Mass. Many thanks for this. I am taking my vacation this month, but happened to come in for a while today.

Very truly yours,

Curator

October 23rd, 1925

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Have you found out any more facts as to whether Lewis is Clark, and Clark is Lewis, according to several pictures? I know that you personally dig into these matters to a grim conclusion; and probably by this time you have settled the whole thing.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
9 Nov., 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

When I got within distance of answering your letter of 23rd October I bethought me of a coin which I had kept aside all summer & which it seemed necessary to trouble you about some day. Then when I looked that coin up I found there were three others which demanded the same expert attention — & I send you the four herewith, hoping (& believing) they will give you little trouble. I have done considerable coin cataloguing this summer, & I hope you will not infer from my inquiries that I am in all respects ignorant of coins & quite incompetent to catalogue any. My inquiries are mostly expressed or indicated on the envelopes which contain the coins. (1) is Egyptian, I suppose, but the Turkish on it is unfamiliar & it has two Turkish dates. On (2) which I feel sure is an Egyptian para I don't know

whether the year of reign is V or not. Perhaps coins for Turkey proper don't longer have a rose branch beside the toghra, but at any rate I see nothing like a rose branch on (3) & (4). I'm not sure of the denominations & (4) may not be nickel. I want to find out what the singular is of the new Lithuanian denomination. Perhaps it's just cent. Why, also, does it have two plurals? I find PENKI(5) CENTAI, but 20 CENTU (looks like a form of U, but may = Y).

Faelten & I had the pleasure of spending an evening with Schulman, but Storer & Gifford didn't turn up, or out. I don't know that S. saw anybody else except Pond. We're going to have meeting soon perhaps this week, but the B.N.S. needs a few more people with an interest in it. We have no meeting place & we're just not big enough (numerous enough) to have dinners. We've lost some members since we put on dues,

& Joy seems to have misplaced all our collections so that we have no property except a few Pilgrim medals & cash.

I am very much pleased to learn that the R.N.S. has conferred its medal on Mr. Newell. I'm not presumptuous enough to write him my congratulations, as I feel I don't know him well enough, & don't know enough about Greek numismatics, to express myself properly, but I have a large admiration for Newell's learning & am very glad the distinction has come to him.

I will now answer your letter, after a few remarks on obverses & reverses. Take the new half-dollars. I think the obverse of the California piece is the side with the kneeling miner, not that with the bear. I think the obverse of the Vancouver piece is the side with McLoughlin's bust, but am not so confident in this opinion. (I notice Laura Fraser's initials on this: who

is responsible for the California design?) I don't agree with Scott's catalogues as to the obverse of the 2¢ piece or the 3¢ (silver) piece. It seems to me the main design is on what Scott calls the reverse. I don't agree with the Mint catalogue on No. 19, p. 208; nor with Macdonald (Evolution of Coinage, p. 137) that the Arethusa head is on the reverse of the Syracusan medallions; but, considering who Macdonald is, I am open to the charge of extreme freshness in saying this.

These remarks have relation to the Lewis & Clark dollar because of my strong desire to call the side with "Portland, Ore." on it the reverse, but I may have to reverse my opinion for the reason that is now to appear. After writing you last summer I let the matter of the portraits on the L. & C. dollar drop. I was puzzled by the portraits by Charles Willson Peale in the Mentor: they seemed inconsistent with St. Memin, & I could

only suggest the possibility of a mix-up on the part of the editor or publisher. But after a long time I went at the matter again, & turned to the many-volumed edition (published by Dodd, Mead & Co. in 1904-5) of "Original Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804-06." The frontispiece of Vol. 1, Part 1 is a portrait of Meriwether Lewis. The frontispiece of Vol. 2, Part 1 is a portrait of William Clark. They are the portraits as given in the Mentor, but are by Rembrandt Peale (not C.W. who was Rembrandt's father), & are said to be in Philadelphia (Independence Hall?). So I had to retract my opinion, despite the apparent inconsistency with St. Memin. R. Peale's Lewis is like the head on the "Portland, Ore." side of the dollar, & his Clark is like that on the other side, with "United States" on it. The attribution in your booklet stands

So then, if I persist in thinking that the "Portland, Ore." side is the reverse, I am put in the awkward situation of holding

that the Mint has put Lewis, the leader of the expedition, on the reverse, — which is absurd. Had it I better agree with you then in the matter of obverse & reverse? My only way of escape is to say that I think the portraits ought to exchange sides.

I think I have answered your inquiry.

Sincerely yours
Horace K. Wheeler

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass
23 Nov., 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

I have been rather busy this fall, among my extraordinary tasks being a return to the clergyman's function of officiating at the funeral of one of my 25 year associates here, & writing an account of the late H. G. Wadlin, who was our Librarian for 14 years. This will appear to-morrow, or next day

We had a very good meeting of the B. N. S. last Friday

Two weeks ago I wrote you a long letter in which I answered your inquiry about the portraits on the Lewis & Clark dollar. If you didnt receive it please let me know, & I'll try to do that part of it over. The rest of the letter was of no consequence, or of very little*

I wish you a happy Thanksgiving. Two families have asked me to dine with them but I'm not going to

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

*Except what I said about Newell

November 27th, 1925

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I have been so busy lately that your first letter got snowed under.

I am returning your coins, which you had attributed about right. You will note that I have made a few corrections on the envelopes.

I cannot help you out on the Lithuanian singulars and plurals. I have been bothered myself about this.

It was some time before I knew that Mr. Newell had been presented with the R.N.S. medal. I think he is very much pleased, but he is one who does not express himself. It is really the highest honour he can get!

Unfortunately on some coins it is impossible to tell reverse from obverse. The designers have violated the few rules and laws laid down - so that you can take your choice! As for some of the Greek coins, they distinguish obverse from reverse by the way the die is placed - whether it is upper or lower die rather than by head and tail side. I know in cataloguing, I might call one side the obverse one year, and the next year call it reverse.

I am sorry that I have not here at the moment the two recent half-dollars, so cannot answer your question with regard to the obverse and reverse of these pieces.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
28 Nov., 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for yours of yesterday. That I was so nearly right about the coins shows that I am making progress. "Raskil" is a new title – to me

The coins were unimportant, however. What I had some fear of was that my letter had gone astray, so that you didn't know I had answered your inquiry about the L. & C. dollar. All's well now, though you said nothing on this subject

I have no inquiries about coins this time, my only problem being how to distinguish a Spanish Almohade from an Almoravide But the Library wants to know something, & perhaps you can easily help us. We are recataloguing some Lincoln material, & it is desirable to know who "H.W.H." was. He deals with Lincoln medals in A. J. N. Vol. (9) 9, no. 4, Apr. 1875, pp. 83, 84. I don't think of anybody to fit those initials – do you happen to?

The only principle I have heard laid down recently about obverse & reverse took account of U.S. coins only, & was that the obverse was the side with the date. The principle works particularly well when applied to gold dollars & 3-dollar pieces! I think that I can determine the obverse of a coin with about the same certainty as that with which I can decide which is the front of a house

Sincerely yours
Horace R. Wheeler

H W Holland.
Feb 1924 Cat of
Lincoln medals

December 2nd, 1925

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

As I was about to write to you, your post card arrived. I had put down H.W.H. as H.W.Holland, the same as you had. I suppose you knew that the best catalogue of Lincoln medals is in the February Numismatist of 1904?

Very truly yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
4 Dec., 1925

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for yours of 2nd. I had shown the Numismatist's list of Lincoln medals to the cataloguer. I have looked thro a lot of volumes of the A.J.N. for an obituary notice of H. W. Holland but didn't find one. He seems to have been important numismatically

I have lately read Macdonald's Coin Types, P. Gardner's History of Ancient Coinage, Hazlitt's European Continent (twice) & a lot of Engel & Serrure, & other books, in my effort to acquire knowledge, but it's more than likely I shall never get beyond the need of troubling you with occasional or, perhaps, frequent questions. I enclose a discarded leaf of the kind of catalogue I have been trying to make. I put fuller descriptions on the envelopes which contain the coins

At our last meeting I threw out the inquiry or suggestion, which didn't seem to interest anybody much, whether the South American Spaniards didn't use the Italian Scudo as a name for their coins I don't find confirmation of my notion that they did, either in Hazlitt or Frey, but the Bogota onzas are regularly marked 8 S, while those of Popayan are marked 8 E. A piece of Ferdinand VII, 1820, which I catalogue under Spain because it has the Madrid mint mark, M̃, also bears 8 S.

I don't understand why the A. N. S. insists on putting the B. N. S. down as a Branch. I thought you & I got that error corrected at the 1922 convention. I don't want the B. N. S. to be a branch of anything

Sincerely yours
Horace G. Wheeler

Under Spanish

Onza = Doblon of 8 Escudos

Peso fuerte = 8 Reales

Colombia Independent
Bogota

Escudo = 2 Pesos 1-5 N

Portugal

Escudo = 2 Pesos 1.E

NETHERLANDS

United Provinces Zeeland 10 shillings 1687 Warrior standing beside Zeeland arms | 7 shields silver 1924 Shepardson K00

Holland Louis Bonaparte Gulden 1809 Head r. | Arms crowned silver m. 1925 St. L. S. & C. Co. K000

Holland Louis Bonaparte Ducat 1809 Head l. | Warrior standing r. gold m. 1925 St. L. S. & C. Co. Kαρ0

Holland Louis Bonaparte Ducat 1810 Head l. | Arms crowned gold m. 1925 St. L. S. & C. Co. K000

DUTCH INDIES

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Wilhelmina 1/4 gulden 1901 Arms crowned silver m. 1917 Conroy δ

DUTCH WEST INDIES

Wilhelmina 1/4 gulden 1900 Head diademed l. | Arms crowned silver 1925 Conroy β

BELGIUM

United Belgian States Lion 1790 Lion, holding sword & shield, standing l. DOMINI EST REGNVM. 1790. | 11 shields around sun ET IPSE DOMINABIT VR GENTIVM gold m. 1925 St. L. S. & C. Co. aσσσ

Albert I 20 francs 1914 Bust l. | Arms mantled, crowned gold m. 1925 Guttag LEY

Albert I 25 centimes 1915 (German) Arms zinc m. 1919 Conroy σ

Albert I 50 centimes 1918 (German) Star radiate | Arms over laurel branch Centre round perforation zinc m. 1919 Conroy σ

Albert I 50 centimes (token) 1922 Belgium kneeling l. ★ BELGIQUE ★ | Caduceus BON POUR 50 CES iron f. 1925 Conroy α

Albert I 50 centimes (token) 1923 Belgium kneeling l. ★ BELGIE ★ | Caduceus GOED VOOR 50 CEN iron f. 1925 Conroy α

Albert I Franc (token) 1923 Belgium kneeling l. ✻ BELGIE ✻ | Caduceus GOED VOOR 1 F iron e. f. 1925 Conroy β

December 8th, 1925

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Museum
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Like you, I was unable to find out anything about Holland's death. He evidently passed out unnoticed by a numismatic world.

I wish I could catalogue as neatly as you do. You should certainly draw a First Prize for this work!

In South America, they apparently use both scudo and escudo interchangeably. The latter is, of course, Spanish, and the former is Italian; but with the use made of it on coins, I suppose we might consider it Latin. The scudo always equalled two pesos.

I certainly would make a very strong kick if I were you regarding putting down the B.N.S. as a branch of the A.N.A. We kicked until we got what we wanted!

Sincerely yours,

Curator

B. P. L. 1 Dec. '25

I think I've discovered "H. W. H." He was elected a member of B. N. S. 1 Jan. 1874, then of Cambridge

See Journal 8. p. 86 Apr. 1874

He was author of

William Dawes, and his ride with Paul Revere
Boston, 1878

editor (with E. H. Bennett) of

Massachusetts Digest
(Supreme Court decisions, 1804-69)

His coins were sold in 1878, catalogue by
W. Elliot Woodward

His name was Henry Ware Holland

This seems about certain

H. L. W.

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Howland Wood, Esq.
Curator Amern. Numismatic Soc'y
Broadway, between 155 & 156th Sts.
New York
N.Y.

Bronze Medal
Yorkshire Numismatic Society 1909
sent by parcel post yesterday, in response
to Mr. Noe's invitation to contribute
You may have it but I don't know
what else I can give now H. L. W.

Boston Public Library
30 Dec., 1925

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BOSTON, MASS.
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BACK BAY STATION 17 Q

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood, Esq., Curator
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155 & 156th Sts.
New York
N. Y.

January 7th, 1926

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
Public Library
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We are very much obliged for your contribution to our Christmas gift cabinet. We had not this bronze medal, and are very glad to add it to our collection.

Thank you very much. We appreciate your support.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
30 Nov., 1926

Dear Mr. Wood

I have been intending to congratulate you on your admission to Who's Who, & I now do so very heartily.

I write just now to ask if you will kindly look up a coin of Thasos & let me know whether it's particularly scarce & valuable. It occurs as No. 7 on plate 12 in the B.M. Guide, & as no. 7 on plate 7 of P. Gardner's Hist. of Anc. Coinage.

I have begun to examine a lot of perhaps 400 coins, from Persian to U.S., in all metals — including seven fine electrum pieces. Perhaps half of the 400 are Greek, & I think it's an unusual lot. It has lain undisturbed since the owner's decease 25 years ago.

I wish I could show them to Mr. Newell.

Mr. Warren Armington wants to know why you didn't come to see him when you last tried to find me. I regret I wasn't at home. I trust all goes well with you

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

December 2, 1926

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.,
Public Library,
Boston 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

People must assiduously look through 'Who's Who' because a number have written me that they have discovered my name in it. It is funny, but the first intimation I had was when somebody wrote me of this fact.

The coin of Tarsus is rare. I have not had a chance to look up recent auction records, but offhand I should say it is worth over $100. It has been very extensively counterfeited and there are also dangerous electrotypes of it, so one has to watch his step. If you find yourself up against it, can't you send some of the pieces down here for Mr. Newell to look at. Also, are they for sale?

All goes well with me, and I am sufficiently busy to keep out of mischief.

Sincerely yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
6 Dec., 1926

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for yours of 2nd. Tho you did type "Tarsus" for Thasos, I think that you belong in Who's Who, & that the writer of your biography was some one who knew the story of your life.

The coin struck me as exceptionally fine. It hasn't the same symbol on the reverse as the one illustrated but a lyre or cithara instead. The label that seemed to belong to it seems to give a dealer's price of £60 — which I thot not probable. The coin is surely genuine. Another incredibility is a little copper thing marked "75." — which seems to mean francs. It isn't handsome. On one side is a seated figure marked ΟΜΗΡΟΣ (Homer), & on the other is ΣΜΥΡ ΝΑΙ ΩΝ (of the Smyrnians.

I've pretty well finished the Greeks in the lot & think them unusual. So does Faelten, & so, I think, Henry Chapman, who saw some of them Friday & couldn't attribute them off-hand. Of these there may be 140, more or less, including a Syracuse decadrachm, on which I find no artist's

signature & no "AΘΛA", & the trophies may or may not be correct, but its former ownership is in favor of genuineness.

There remain to be examined a hundred or more Romans, & I don't know many reaching from Byzantium down thro the ages. The owner that there were some 450 in all. They came much mixed up in two boxes & a bag; once they were arranged on card-board trays, but had been rattled around & capsized for some 30 years. I do not think the owner knows what he has, or has any numismatic interests, but the original collector was one of our old American experts.

My understanding is that the owner would like to sell the lot, & if had somewhat more spare money than I have I might try to buy them. I might later be able to get permission to send some of the ancients on for Mr. Newell to see

We are under a blanket of snow

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

P.S. I have gone over to take charge of Bates Hall two evenings a week, & may spend even more time there

P.S. 2 The Thasos label says "Cat Rollin #2367 bis"; & in the lot is an Arsinoë octadrachm with "K" behind the head

December 18, 1926

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler,
Public Library,
Boston 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The little copper coin with 'Homer' and 'of the Smyrnians' on it is, as far as I can find out, a fairly common coin.

Many of the Syracuse decadrachms are struck on such small flans that the trophies hardly show, and the word 'Athla' half the time does not show.

Our snow has about disappeared, and we have had weather not only trying to us but discomforting to the snow.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
20 March, 1928

Dear Mr. Wood

Please, will you hand the enclosed check to the Treasurer of the A. N. S.?

I answered Mr. Noe's inquiry about the late Jacob Pierce, & suppose he received it

We had F. Zerbe with us at our B. N. S. meeting last evening

I am sending a book on Mexican coins which seems to be your property. I don't know how long I've had it, or why I have not returned it before. Please try to forgive me

Yours sincerely
Horace L. Wheeler

23d March, 1928

Horace L. Wheeler, Esq.,
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your favor is at hand, and I have put your cheque for dues through the proper channels.

Many thanks for the return of the book on Mexican Coins. I had forgotten all about it, naturally.

Things have been going along here full tilt and have kept me busy for some time, and although I have an assistant I find that I am busier than ever.

Very truly yours,

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
28 July, 1928

Dear Mr. Wood

Mr. Chevalier wants me to send you these enclosures. Perhaps you will kindly decipher what he [illegible] not & use the inquirer's own envelope in replying, or reply to me.

I have no interest in the matter, or in much of anything else. It's been hot too long; & I am getting ready to leave this institution.

I trust you & your family are well & happy.

Sincerely yours
Horace G. Wheeler

Public Library
Boston 17, Mass.
9 Sept, 1928

Dear Mr. Wood

Now that you are probably returned from that wonderful exploration of the White, Green & other-colored mountains, I may send you a word of thanks for taking time to write me & for deciphering the Arabic for Chevalier — who desires to add his thanks to mine

I suppose you have seen our new pamphlet (of the B.N.S.), but wouldn't ask you to say that there was any elegance of form about it. I tried to write a brief historical

note about the Society, but it suffered some changes after leaving my hands; so I don't call it mine anymore. I undertook it only after much urging & effected some additions to be made to it. "Due to" bothers me & I wonder if I ever wrote it. At any rate I prefer "Because of".

Now, with a list & a membership card, all we need is a brass pin for our coats or a ribbon for our necks. I hope we may live long & prosper. I expect a meeting to be called this month.

Perhaps you noticed that Comstock lost his wife a few weeks since. I am very sorry. I have not seen him since.

Somebody named W. A. Rowell has set up a stamp & coin

shop on Cornhill. He has goods in the window. I do not know who he is, but you may. I do not find him in A. V. A. list.

You are so kind as to ask about my possible future. I haven't a very penetrating glance forward, & so don't know. If I should go looking for work I might find myself hoping not to find it. It may seem strange not to have any stated duties & I might be hard to please if I discovered any; but a time of peace & leisure may not prove unacceptable.

We go on long hours again the 15th, & the alternate Sundays will seem long -- from 12 to 10; but my expectation is that of these there will be only four. I shall be released

before your Governor is elected President, & perhaps before Hoover is — or suppose I shall

I have endured a rather trying summer, long, hot, muggy; but have got along pretty well without vacation. Soon it may be all vacation.

I hope things will go on well with you & the A. N. S. Try to see me if you come to Boston while I'm here. After that I may be able to see you in New York

Sincerely yours,
Horace L. Wheeler

14th September, 1928

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler,
Public Library,
Boston, 17, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I got back after Labor Day and certainly have had a most enjoyable summer. I have seen the new pamphlet of the B.N.S. and thought well of it. I thought they made the most of the membership list, but a little swank now and then does no harm. The historical sketch was good as far as it went; evidently you went a little further than the result showed in the printing. I was duly impressed with the membership card and to see that the B.N.S. has fallen in line instead of standing by itself. Our Society has so far kept aloof from membership cards and I think will.

I did not hear that Comstock had lost his wife. I do not remember ever having met the lady.

As for W. A. Howell I never heard of the person. In times past various upstarts have started in on a semi-coin business and then have fallen by the wayside. I remember two or three such when I was in Boston.

When you leave the library, why don't you do some writing? You must have acquires sufficient miscellaneous knowledge to produce several interesting articles.

I understand the summer has been rather trying. I escaped most of it.

I trust now that you will have some time on your hands we will see you here occasionally. At any rate I am looking forward to this pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

26th December, 1928

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

I was very glad to receive your Christmas greeting. I had heard (through Shepard Pond, I think) that you had retired. I trust that you will keep busy and do those thousand and one things that you have been meaning to do for some years. Also, that you will find leisure now and then to do a little traveling; and if so, trust you will drop in on us here in New York.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

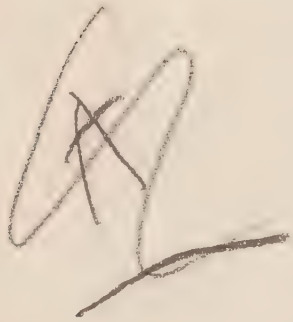
42 Rutland Sq.
Boston, Mass.
20 Feb., 1929

Dear Mr. Wood

Will you please have my address changed to the foregoing, & hand the Treasurer's office the enclosed check in payment of my dues to the Society? Thank you

The B.N.S. seems to be getting along well, with its enterprising Secretary. I am prosperous & partly contented, & hope some day to write you a letter or, better, to see you again — but it's winter now

Sincerely yours
Horace G. Wheeler



42 Rutland Square
Boston, Mass., 21 Aug., 1930

Dear Mr. Wood

I don't write in the belief that you're at home; more likely you're up in the Mountains, or perhaps at the A. N. A. Convention; but you'll get this note some time

We had a Stamp Show here last week & I half looked for you to appear, as I had heard that you had an interest in stamps

I note in the Aug. Numismatist, p. 519, that the model for figure on the current Quarter was one Doris Doscher of Whitestone, N. Y. That saves you one question, unless you have to correct the information. I was asked who she was a month or more & have been intending to appeal to you ever since. I have had, however, another question laid up — which is, What's the name

of the Indian on the Nickel? Perhaps (2
you will be good enough to tell me
that, & you might tell me also what
name the Buffalo on the other side
went by

I'm not much interested in such
important questions myself, but
others are & ask them at the Library,
where now there is nobody to answer
them. Some of them reach me when
I appear there. I, in turn, have to
appeal to you – which I do with re-
luctance & humility

We got along well in the B.N.S. up
to the close of the season, but we
don't get new members. I am V.-P.
& Curator this year – the only offices
I hadn't filled before. Russell Bur-
rage is a considerable addition to
our number. Stover got a Dr. Swain
elected a year ago but he has never
appeared. Hesslein wanted to join

but didn't get votes enough. There (3
are one or two members who, as I
think, might be dispensed with
Watkins & Putnam resigned; Storer
is on the Maine or some more
distant coast the larger part
of the year; Dewing can't be ex-
pected to meet with us often, &
Faelten has been so busy with
his School that he came only once
(I think) last season. Comstock
has been ill. Pond, whom I like
very much, seems to enjoy being
Secretary & is a first-rate one
— but he ought to be President
I've lost track of C. W. Stiles who
left us some years ago — to give
his whole attention to stamps.
He seems to have left that field
too. Dr. Waitt rarely appears; C. D.
Morse (a Brown man) sells securi-
ties & generally stays away. ~~Some~~

C.W. Morse is getting old. Sometimes (4 we have more than 13 at a meeting but we ought to have 17

Shreve, Crump & Low have a splendid new store & your classmate Armington frequently inquires about you. So does Mary Conroy

I have got along through the summer's heat, but it was a trial. I have-it been more than four miles out of town. I do considerable reading & have done a lot of work on stamps — mostly on two considerable(?) collections I bought 7 years ago, & had had no time to dismember. I'd like to show you one of my stamp books

I trust you & your family are all well & happy

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

August 26,1930

Mr. Horace L.Wheeler
42 Rutland Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

It seems good to hear from you and I am very glad for the current information of theBoston Society; I wished you had told me a little more about yourself. I have a summer place at Westport,Conn., which is less than fifty miles from here, and during the summer I am there several days a week and here two or three days. I have been working at my stamps off and on, but with growing daughters and a summer place, I do not have much time left for philately.

I noticed the item in the newspaper of a Whitestone young lady who claimed to have been the model for McNeil's quarter dollar. As a rule we pay little attention to who posed for any coin figure, because artists regard this matter impersonally and do not make any real portrait, oftentimes using two or three models for different parts. This Doris Doscher may have posed for the figure, but probably someone else did too.

The name of the Indian who posed for the nickel, is legion. Nearly every Indian who has ever posed for Fraser claims ~~to~~ it is his portrait that is on the nickel. I have seen the names of three or four claimants. All, or several of them may have had a hand in it. Fraser himself, if I remember correctly, once told me it was a composite portrait and represented no one Indian. Every year or so we have a deluge of questions on this subject and we tell them that for the most part there is no such animal, or else suggest their writing to Fraser, and as far as I know he gives them a negative answer, if any.

It is far better not to get new members in the B.N.S. than to get poor ones. I think you do well to have as many at meetings as you do. Our Club here in New York,very seldom has over twenty - from twelve to fifteen is a fair average. By rights, we should have at each meeting from thirty to fifty, but since prohibition has come in, and the general exodus of people to the suburbs, it is hard to get much of any attendance.

Most of the members you mention are unknown to me. About the only one I ever see nowadays is Shepard Pond. The trouble is that when a person ceases to add much to his collection his interest lags and he falls by the wayside.

Remember me to Armington and say I am sorry not to have seen him at our last college reunion. I should like to see your stamp collection some day, and in ending, will repeat what I said in my last letter, shake yourself and come on to New York for a few days.

Sincerely yours,

42 Rutland Square
Boston, Mass., 16 Sept., 1930

Dear Mr. Wood

I was glad to have your letter with answers to my silly questions & suggestion that I go to New York. Wait till the summer's over

Armington is on vacation; so I didn't see him

The chief object of the present writing is to say that I should like to buy some badges (crosses) of knighthood orders, & to hear of any offered you. I bought the Michael & George you referred the man to Gifford about

Mr. C. W. Morse of Brookline & B.N.S. had an 80th birthday Saturday & I went out to see him — as did Willey

The A.N.A. Directory seems very good

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

HARVARD CLUB OF BOSTON
374 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

42 Rutland Sq.
Boston, 4 Jan., 1933

Dear Mr. Wood

Thank you for remembering me; but how strange it seems that you should have grown up children! All happiness to the two who have found each other!

I send you a clipping from the Boston Globe of last Thursday, [illegible] ing

I'm very sorry to say that I have suffered the grievous loss of my only brother. Of five children I was the first and am now the last

I hope yet to see you and send you best wishes for the new year

Sincerely yours
Horace L. Wheeler

January 7, 1933.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
42 Rutland Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Many thanks for your New Year's letter. I read with much interest the clipping concerning your talk before the Boston Club. I now and then make a hurried trip to Boston to see my mother but find very little chance to see anyone else. I take it that you have not been to New York in recent years.

It is certainly a good indication that time flies - it is hard for me to reconcile myself that I have a married daughter!

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Very truly yours,

WE:JG

October 2, 1934.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
42 Rutland Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I certainly was glad to have been once again at the meeting of the Boston organization and more than pleased to meet both you and Gifford. You asked me a few questions and here are the answers. We have no example in any metal of the marriage of Victor Emmanuel. The raised numerals or letters, put it the sunken background - under the numerals on the quarter dollar came in in 1925.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 26, 1936.

Mr. Horace L. Wheeler
42 Rutland Square
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

My attention has just been called to the fact that your name did not appear among the donors in our last annual report. How this happened I do not know nor can I imagine. It was one of those little slips that do creep in, unexplainable and inexcusable. The gift was duly recorded in December and you got a formal notice from the President. The medal is in a box with your name attached. I have made a note in my accession book to get your name in the next report which will of course be one year late.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Castle Point, N.Y.

12-24-36

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
156 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I report with regret the death of my uncle Horace Leslie Wheeler who died Sunday morning, December 20th, at 9.00 A.M. here at Castle Point. I found him sitting in his chair with one of the little black cigars he used to smoke still held between his fingers so that his going must have been very peaceful indeed. He was buried Tuesday beside his brother in the cemetery at Fishkill, New York.

Before we left Boston with him in October he entrusted his coins and decorations to me and he asked me to consult you for advice in disposing of them as he felt that you were best qualified to appreceate their real worth. So that if you feel you would care to examine them or could refer me to someone properly trustworthy I shall be very glad to receive advice from you with regard to their diposition almost any time after the new year begins.

My uncles death was due to the consequences of a lung condition known to the profession as bronchiectasis, probably the result of a long standing bronchitis. Mrs. Wheeler and myself went to Boston in October and found my uncles circle of activity gradually becoming smaller. So that we felt it our duty to bring him back with us to this Veterans Hospital at Castle Point where he was able to receive every personal attention as well as the best of medical advice and treatment.

Very truly yours,

Clifton F. Wheeler

Dr. Clifton F. Wheeler

December 29, 1936

Dr. Clifton F. Wheeler,
Veterans Administration,
Castle Point, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wheeler:

Your letter at hand concerning the death of my old friend Mr. Wheeler. In recent years I have not heard often from him, possibly two or three letters a year. I am happy to know that he passed away so quietly and without any long illness. I also heard at the same time from Boston of his death. He had many friends in the Numismatic Society and for a great many years had been one of their most constant members at their meetings.

There are two dealers that hold auction sales and possibly that would be the best means of disposing of his collection as I doubt if any dealer would care at this time to buy his coins and decorations outright. Also, I think you could get a better price for them at auction. The two dealers are:

N. H. Bolander, Orangeville, Ill.

Elder Coin & Curio Co., 8 West 37th St., New York, N.Y.

If you wish to have any further advice, do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks